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Twelfth Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, convened in General Convention, in Hanover, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-four. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the fifteenth and continued until the afternoon of the twenty-first day inclusive, at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened, in *General Convention*, on Wednesday evening, October 15, A. D., 1884, at 7 o'clock, in the First, or Emmanuel's Reformed Church of Hanover, York county, Pa., pursuant to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. In the absence of the President of the previous year, the opening sermon was preached by request, by the Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., from John 20 : 22 :—"And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." At the conclusion of the sermon the Stated Clerk called the Synod to order, and formally opened it with prayer. On motion, the Rev. W. C. Cremer was then appointed President, *pro tempore*. Whereupon the provisional roll was called, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers—Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Reinhart Smith, Aaron Spangler, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., Alfred F. Dreisbach, Aaron Wanner, D. D. Frederick J. Sauerber, and Reuben Rahauer.

Elders—Israel Laucks, John Cornbau, Peter Moore, John Roth, Jacob W. Snyder, and Milton Myers.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers—Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, Joel J. Rossiter, Nehemiah H. Skyles, Henry Wissler, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Ambrose C. Geary, John G. Noss, William Rupp, Conrad Clever, Silas M. Hench, Charles F. Sontag, Andrew J. Heller, Adam S. Weber, E. Ranson Deatrick, George H. Martin, D. D., Joseph W. Santee, D. D., P. Allison Long, Leighton G. Kremer, Marion L. Firor, George B. Resser, Louis F. Zinkhan, and Henry W. Hoffmeier.

Elders—Daniel B. Seibert, Goldsborough S. Griffith, William H. Harry, Uriah Warenfeltz, D. Edward Kefauver, Samuel D. Piper, H. Wirt Shriver, Isaac Brilhart, Josiah B. Zimmerman, J. Taylor Motter, Ezra Williard, John H. Bowers, Benjamin I. Huyett, Louis Markell, Dr. Milton A. Berry, William H. Haugh, and Jacob Saum.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers—William M. Deatrick, Isaac M. Motter, William C. Cremer, William H. Herbert, Cyrus Cort, Jonas B. Shontz, Jairus A. Wickert, Jacob Hassler, and George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.

Elders—Samuel Hoefflich, William Dice, Frederick A. Dahl, Abraham Kieffer, and Daniel S. Barnhart.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers—Samuel N. Callender, D. D., John A. Hoffheins, Barton R. Carnahan, Samuel L. Whitmore, Elias Welty, M. D., Christian W. Summey, George A. Whitmore, Cyrus J. Musser, Henry St. J. Rinker, and Benjamin F. Bausmann.

Elders—Henry W. Roller, Dr. Theodore N. Sellers, Richard L. Gray, William H. Bargelt, George P. Souder, and John Fitz.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

Ministers—Jacob D. Zehring, John Kretzing, Henry Hilbush, Joshua H. Derr, John C. Bowman, Thomas J. Barkley, John H. Martin, Franklin, A. Guth, Walter E. Krebs, David U. Wolff, David N. Dittmar, Milton H. Sangree, and Henry H. Sangree.

Elders—Solomon Schwartz, Dr. Oliver T. Everhart, Peter Hartman, Henry Wirt, Andrew H. Beitler, John Stock, Daniel Stambaugh, Rudolph N. Thoman, Jacob S. Deatrick, Joseph Gelbach, Samuel P. Young, and George Wolff.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministers—Francis S. Lindaman, George W. Glessner, D. D., J. Marion Mickly, Amos H. Kremer, D. D., George E. Addams, James R. Lewis, Milton H. Groh, and William R. H. Deatrich.

Elders—Simon Kell, Henry Wetzel, Henry Shambaugh, Adam Wentzel, James B. Leiby, and Elias B. Leiby.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

Ministers—Albert G. Dole, Ellis N. Kremer, Henry F. Long, J. David Miller, John M. Titzel, D. D., Calvin S. Slagle, William A. Long, Edgar S. Hassler, and Isaac N. Peightel.

Elders—John Heffner, Frederick Hyle, George L. Freet, George W. Zimmers, and David Dunn.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Rev. G. Dickie Gurley.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Rev. Daniel E. Schoedler.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

None present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

From the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.—Revs. Theo. Appel, D. D., D. B. Albright, H. T. Spangler, P. S. Davis, D. D., C. G. Fisher, G. H. Johnston, E. V. Gerhart, D. D., T. G. Apple, D. D., and *Elders* W. H. Seibert, and D. W. Gross.

From the Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. W. C. B. Shulenberger and G. M. Zacharias.

From the Juniata Classis.—Elder John Dittmar.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the Revs. J. H. McChord of the M. E. Church, J. C. Koller, G. Scholl, J. A. Metzger, and D. J. Hauer of the Lutheran Church, and J. L. Nicholas of the U. B. Church, was announced.

ARTICLE III.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Wm. C. Cremer, *President*, Chambersburg, Pa.
Rev. Wm. Rupp, *Vice-President*, Manchester, Md.
Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. Wm. Goodrich, *Corresponding Secretary*, Clearspring, Md.
Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Reading Clerk*, Middletown, Md.
Elder Lewis H. Steiner, M.D., *Treasurer*, Frederick, Md.

ARTICLE IV.
RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Synod's Rules of Order was dispensed with, and the limits constituting the *Bar of the House* were defined to consist of the first eight pews from the chancel.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, namely:

The forenoon sessions to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock. The afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4½ o'clock. Evening sessions, if held, to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services—Revs. J. C. Bowman, H. Hilbush, C. F. Sontag, R. Smith, and Elders I. Brilhart, E. Williard, and J. Cornbau.

Minutes of Synod—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, W. Goodrich, G. A. Whitmore, C. S. Slagle, and Elders S. D. Piper, S. Kell, and J. B. Zimmerman.

Minutes of General Synod—Revs. H. St. J. Rinker, I. N. Peightel, F. J. Sauerber, J. A. Wickert, and Elders J. Stock, W. H. Bargelt, and G. P. Souder.

Overtures—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, I. M. Motter, F. S. Lindaman, E. Welty, and Elders H. W. Roller, P. Moore, and J. S. Deatrick.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. S. S. Miller, H. Wissler, W. H. Herbert, S. M. Hench, and Elders W. Dice, D. B. Seibert, and W. H. Harry.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, G. W. Glessner, A. Wanner, J. T. Rossiter, and Elders G. S. Griffith, J. T. Motter, and J. H. Bowers.

State of Religion and Statistics—Rev. A. H. Kremer, T. J. Barkley, A. G. Dole, A. C. Geary, and Elders S. Hoeflich, P. Hartman, and G. W. Zimmers.

Education—Revs. J. M. Titzel, J. G. Noss, J. Kretzing, C. Cort, and Elders H. Wirt, I. Laucks, and D. E. Kefauver.

Missions—Revs. S. N. Callender, J. H. Derr, A. Spangler, J. D. Miller, and Elders F. A. Dahl, T. N. Sellers, and S. Schwartz.

Publication—Revs. J. O. Miller, T. F. Hoffmeier, J. M. Mickly, E. S. Hassler, and Elders H. W. Shriver, O. T. Everhart, and J. W. Snyder.

Finance—Revs. A. J. Heller, C. Clever, G. E. Addams, C. J. Musser, and Elders H. Wetzel, G. L. Freet, and J. Heffner

Nominations—Revs. E. N. Kremer, B. R. Carnahan, A. S. Weber, E. R. Deatrick, and Elders A. H. Beitler, J. Roth, and R. L. Gray.

Ministerial Necrology—Revs. I. S. Weisz, N. H. Skyles, S. L. Whitmore, J. B. Shontz, and Elders U. Warenfeltz, F. Hyle, and D. Dunn.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, San Francisco, and Portland-Oregon were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented to the Synod and read, and was then referred, with its accompanying vouchers, to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, of the Board of Visitors, and of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., were laid before the Synod, severally read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions were received, and severally read, except that of the Superintendent of Missions, which had already been published, and they were then referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Minutes of the Eighth Triennial Sessions of the General Synod held in Baltimore, Md., last May, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod for examination.

7. The Annual Reports of the Trustees of Synod, and of the Sunday-School Board were submitted to the Synod, read, and disposed of without reference. They will be found in their proper places.

8. A number of communications were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments:

EMMANUEL'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Thursday Evening.—Addresses on Sunday-school topics, proposed by the Sunday-school Board.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. E. Welty, and Liturgical Services by Revs. W. Goodrich and G. H. Martin.

Saturday Evening.—Missionary Services. Addresses by Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. A. Hoffheins, E. N. Kremer, and D. E. Schoedler.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Services. Sermon by Rev. J. M. Titzel, and Liturgical Services by Revs. W. C. Cremer, W. M. Deatrick, G. W. Aughinbaugh, and J. D. Miller.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school Service. Addresses by Elder G. G. Everhart, and Revs. F. J. Sauerber, S. S. Miller, and L. F. Zinkhan.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. W. Rupp, and Liturgical Services by Revs. I. N. Peightel, and G. B. Resser.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH.

Saturday Afternoon.—German Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. A. Wanner.

Saturday Evening.—English Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. M. H. Groh.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Santee.

Sunday Afternoon.—Dedication of the Chapel of Trinity Reformed Church. Sermon by Rev. C. Clever.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. S. M. Hench.

SILVER RUN REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday.—Rev. A. J. Heller.

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday.—Rev. C. Cort.

ABBOTTSTOWN CHARGE.

Sunday.—Revs. I. S. Weisz, A. Spangler, C. Clever, and W. H. Groh.

LITTLESTOWN REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday.—Rev. S. N. Callender.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH OF YORK.

Sunday.—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. Hassler.

SPRING GROVE REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday.—Rev. F. S. Lindaman.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Rev. S. L. Whitmore.

Sunday Evening.—Rev. J. B. Shontz.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Rev. P. S. Davis.

Sunday Evening.—Rev. H. St. J. Rinker.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Rev. E. R. Eschbach.

Sunday Evening.—Rev. E. N. Kremer.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Sunday Evening.—Rev. W. A. Long.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.
MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod, was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the attention of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday forenoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee, to whom was referred the printed Minutes of the Synod of last year for examination, after a careful inspection of them, begs leave to report the following items, as, in our judgment, claiming the attention of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:—

Item 1, page 5. The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. C. Clever is Chairman.

Item 2, page 20. The several Classes are recommended to raise, either by appointment or otherwise, increased contributions to carry on the work of beneficiary education.

Item 3, page 20. The several Classes are recommended anew to request the different pastoral charges under their care to give to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., one collection during the year.

Item 4, page 21. The Trustees of Catawba College, conducted as a High and Normal School, are invited to make an annual report of said institution to the Board of Education of this Synod.

Item 5, page 21. It will be necessary to nominate for election by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, three members of the Board of Visitors, and six members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 6, page 22. It becomes the duty of the Synod to fill by election the vacancies, that will take place in the Board of Education, at the close of the present sessions of the Synod, by the expiration of the term of service of Revs. W. C. Cremer, S. S. Miller, and U. H. Heilman.

Item 7, page 22. It will be necessary for the Synod to fill by election the vacancies, that are about to occur in the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College of the following members, whose term of office expires during the present month, namely, Revs. W. M. Deatrick, W. Goodrich, and W. I. Stewart.

Item 8, page 40. Forty-six hundred and thirty dollars are apportioned for Home Missions among the several Classes constituting the Synod.

Item 9, page 40. The Synod urgently requests those Classes, which have not yet paid the sums assumed by them for the Mission Chapel at Washington, D. C., to make no further delay in fulfilling their obligations in behalf of this important enterprise.

Item 10, page 40. The members of the Synodic Board of Missions are ordered to make known to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, at the earliest opportunity, what has become known to the Synod, at its meeting at Newton, respecting the missionary field in North Carolina, and the need of vigorous missionary exertion in behalf of the same.

Item 11, page 41. The cause of missions among the colored population of our country is commended to the careful consideration of the Board of Home Missions, with the request, that they give attention to this important subject, at their first regular meeting.

Item 12, page 41. The Stated Clerk is specifically directed to furnish, in writing, the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, with the several amounts apportioned to each Classis, and that the aforesaid Treasurer be requested to open accounts with the Treasurers of the several Classes of the Synod.

Item 13, page 41. Certain specific apportionments are made upon the Classes for the erection of a house of worship at Roanoke, Va.

Item 14, page 41. Similar apportionments are made for the building of a church at Concord, North Carolina.

Item 15, page 42. It becomes necessary to fill by election the vacancies that will occur in the Synodic Board of Missions, during the present sessions of the Synod, by the expiration of the term of service of Revs. E. R. Eschbach and E. N. Kremer.

Item 16, page 44. Zion's and North Carolina Classes are requested to pay their arrearages on assessments, made by the Synod of Waynesboro, as soon as possible.

Item 17, page 44. Gettysburg, Carlisle, Zion's, San Francisco, and Portland-Oregon Classes are ordered to pay their arrearages on assessments, made by the Synod of Altoona, without delay.

Item 18, page 44. Zion's, Gettysburg, and Carlisle Classes are urged to make prompt payment of their apportionments for the Relief of the Theological Seminary, made by the Synod of Altoona, and to do so without further delay.

Item 19, page 44. Specific assessments are made upon the several Classes for Synod's Contingent Fund.

Item 20, page 45. Certain assessments are made upon the several Classes to meet the pledge to Mercersburg College, for the past year.

Item 21, page 45. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees, to fill the place of Elder Louis Markell, whose term of service will end January 1st, A. D., 1885, agreeably to the Charter.

Item 22, page 46. It becomes necessary to fill by election the vacancy about to occur in the Sunday-school Board, by the expiration of the term of Elder G. S. Griffith, which takes place at this meeting of the Synod.

Item 23, page 50. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Synod published in pamphlet form, and to distribute them agreeably to the rules of Synod in the case.

Item 24, page 52. The Classes within our Synodical bounds are requested to order a collection for the benefit of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, said collection to be lifted on or about the third Sunday in June last.

Item 25, page 52. The Synod requests said Society to render a statement to the Synod annually of its financial condition and operations.

Item 26, page 52. The Synod earnestly overtures the General Synod to provide an English Hymn Book, adapted to the wants of the whole Church, at the earliest possible moment.

Item 27, page 52. The Synod overtures the General Synod to set apart a Sunday in June of each year as a Children's Day to raise funds for beneficiary education, and also to take proper measures to secure an index to the Constitution of the Church.

Item 28. It will be necessary to assess the \$300.00 promised to Mercersburg College for the present Synodical year, as pledged by the Synod of Waynesboro.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; items 2, 3, 8, 9, 13, 14 and 24 were severally referred to the

Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, to ascertain whether the Classes had attended to their duty; on item 4, see Article XIII., Education; items 5, 6, 7, 15, 21 and 22, were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; the members of the Synodic Board stated to the Synod, that the duty designated in item 10 had been duly discharged; item 11 was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions to ascertain what disposition had been made of the Synod's recommendation, by the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions; the Stated Clerk stated to the Synod, that he had promptly discharged the duty assigned him in item 12; on items 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 28, see Article XV., Finance; on item 23, see Article XX., Publication; on item 25, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and items 26 and 27 were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, to learn the response of the General Synod to said overtures.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported during the session of Friday afternoon. The report was received, disposed of item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the late General Synod, held in Baltimore, Md., after a careful examination of the same, find the following subjects claiming the attention of this body, viz:—

Item 1, page 9. The General Synod adopted a new set of Rules of Order for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 2, page 28. The General Synod deemed it inexpedient to set apart a Sunday in June as a Children's Day, for the purpose of taking up collections in the Sunday-Schools for beneficiary education.

Item 3, page 56. The General Synod commends the cause of Home Missions to the District Synods and their Boards.

Item 4, page 65. The General Synod enjoins upon all the Synods, to remember the cause of Foreign Missions in their prayers and offerings.

Item 5, pages 82 and 83. Action of the General Synod in response to the Synod of the Potomac's overture, to provide an English Hymn Book, adapted to the wants of the whole Reformed Church, at the earliest possible moment.

Item 6, page 96. The General Synod sets apart the third Sunday in January of each year as a memorial festival of the Reformation.

Item 7, page 102. The General Synod assessed \$345.00 upon this Synod for contingent expenses of said Synod,

Item 8, page 102. The General Synod apportions \$345.00 for Harbor Missions upon this Synod.

Item 9, page 104. The next meeting of the General Synod is to be held in Grace Reformed Church of Akron, Ohio, June 1st, A. D. 1887, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Hy. St. J. RINKER, *Chairman.*

The new Rules of Order were shown to be in conflict with the Constitution of the Church in some particulars, and accordingly were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, J. M. Titzel, S. N. Callender, and Elders H. Wirt, and M. A. Berry, for careful examination and necessary modifications, before they are adopted by the

Synod. The committee was instructed to report to the next annual meeting of the Synod. Items 2, 5, 6 and 9, were severally adopted. Items 3 and 4, were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. The Committee on Finance was instructed to assess one half the amount assessed upon the Synod, under item 7, upon the several Classes; the other half to be assessed next year. The same committee was directed to apportion upon the Classes the \$345.00 for Harbor Missions, as given in item 8.

ARTICLE IX.
OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Overtures presents as worthy of the consideration of the Synod the following papers, to wit:—

Item 1. A statement of the workings and finances of Bethany Orphans' Home, presented by the Rev. D. B. Albright, Secretary of the Board of Managers.

Item 2. The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa.

Item 3. A communication from the Board of Home Missions, touching the matter of an unpaid balance on the Washington Mission Chapel.

Item 4. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod conveying the suggestion of said Synod of its desire to discontinue the Tri-Synodic arrangement of our missionary operations.

Item 5. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in which is given the action of said Synod, submitting certain proposed action touching the transfer of the management of the Publication interests of the Church east to the control of a company of individuals.

Item 6. A letter from the Rev J. Gantzenbein with reference to the International Academy of the Portland-Oregon Classis.

Item 7. A letter from the Stated Clerk of the same Classis, in which he extends the greetings of the Classis to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2 and 4, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on item 3, see Article XIV., Missions; on item 5, see Article XX., Publication; item 6 was referred to the Standing Committee on Education; and item 7 was adopted.

ARTICLE X.
MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Classes would respectfully report as follows:—

There have been placed in our hands the Minutes of the Classes of Zion,

Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, San Francisco, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon. From these Minutes the following items are obtained.

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. San Francisco Classis did not commence its annual meeting with a sermon, as required by the Constitution. Vide Article 49.

2. The same Classis failed to read parochial reports, and hence no report on the State of Religion was prepared and laid before this Synod, as required by Article 49.

3. Maryland Classis did not record the call in the Minutes of one of its special meetings.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. Zion's Classis asks the Synod, whether the amount due upon the assessment made upon said Classis by the Synod at Waynesboro, Pa., means "the old Zion's Classis," or the present Zion's Classis; and if the old, then "that it be divided among the three Classes formed from that body."

5. Mercersburg Classis requests the Synod to induce the Reformed Church Publication Board to make *The Sunday-school Treasury* a real Sunday-school paper; and that none but proper articles be admitted into the pages of *The Guardian*.

6. Virginia Classis refers to this Synod the overture of the Winchester congregation pertaining to damages done to its church building, during the civil war.

7. Gettysburg Classis requests the Synod to institute effective measures to increase the endowment of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

III.—APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

8. *Home Missions.* All the Classes took favorable action upon this subject.

9. *Beneficiary Education.* Mercersburg, Maryland, Zion's, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and Juniata Classes took favorable action. Portland-Oregon and San Francisco Classes failed to take any action.

10. *The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.* Favorable action upon this subject was taken by Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, Juniata, Carlisle, and Gettysburg Classes. No action was taken by North Carolina, San Francisco, and Portland-Oregon Classes.

11. *Concord Mission Church.* All the Classes took favorable action on this subject.

12. *Roanoke Mission.* Favorable action was taken by the Gettysburg, Mercersburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Zion's, Virginia, and North Carolina Classes; and no action as yet by the Maryland Classis.

13. *Collections for Theological Seminary.* The requisite action on this subject was taken by all the Classes, except Zion's, North Carolina, and Portland-Oregon.

14. *Washington Mission Chapel.* Favorable action was taken by the Zion's and Carlisle Classes on their arrearages.

15. *Arrearages on Contingent Fund.* San Francisco and Portland-Oregon Classes complied with Synod's order to pay arrearages.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

16. Maryland Classis licensed E. Ranson Deatrick and Calvin B. Heller, and ordained the former; received the Rev. George H. Martin, D.D., from the Virginia Classis; and dismissed the licentiate C. B. Heller to the North Carolina Classis.

17. Mercersburg Classis received the Rev J. Wm. Knappenberger from the Allegheny Classis, and the Rev. Simon Wolf from the Juniata Classis; and dismissed the licentiate Edgar S. Hassler to the last named Classis.

18. Virginia Classis received the Rev. Cyrus J. Musser from the Juniata Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Abner R. Kremer to the Tuscarawas Classis, and the Rev. George H. Martin, D.D., to the Maryland Classis.

19. North Carolina Classis received the licentiate Calvin B. Heller from the Maryland Classis, and ordained him; and dismissed the Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

20. Juniata Classis received the licentiate Andrew T. G. Apple from St. Paul's Classis, and the licentiate Edgar S. Hassler from the Mercersburg Classis, and ordained them, Rev. William A. Long from the Tiffin Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Cyrus J. Musser to the Virginia Classis, the Rev. Simon Wolf to the Mercersburg Classis, the Rev. Henry S. Garner to the Westmoreland Classis, and the Rev. Milton H. Sangree, and the licentiate Henry H. Sangree to the Gettysburg Classis.

21. Gettysburg Classis received the Rev. Thomas J. Barkley from the East Susquehanna Classis, the Rev. Milton H. Sangree and the licentiate Henry H. Sangree from the Juniata Classis, and ordained the latter, the Rev. Walter E. Krebs, and John H. Hartman, and the licentiate Franklin A. Guth from the Lehigh Classis, and ordained the last named; and dismissed the Rev. Silas F. Laury to the Philadelphia Classis.

22. Carlisle Classis received the Rev. Milton H. Groh from the Eastern Ohio Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Henry T. Spangler to the Philadelphia Classis.

23. San Francisco Classis received the Rev. Daniel E. Schoedler from the Goshenhoppen Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

24. Zion's Classis will meet in Franklin Church, near Dillsburg, York County, Pa., May 29th, A. D. 1885, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. R. Smith, *President*; Rev. F. J. Sauerber, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

25. Maryland Classis will meet in Taneytown, Carroll County, Md., May 28th, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. G. Noss, *President*; Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. N. H. Skyles, *Treasurer*.

26. Mercersburg Classis will meet in St. Thomas, Franklin County, Pa., May 21st, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Hassler, *President*; and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

27. Virginia Classis will meet in McGaheysville, Rockingham, County Va., May 21st, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. A. Whitmore, *President*; Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. J. A. Hofheins, *Treasurer*.

28. North Carolina Classis will meet in St. John's Church of the Catawba Charge, May 6th, A. D. 1885, at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. G. D. Gurley, *President*; Rev. G. W. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. T. Long, *Treasurer*.

29. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Arendtsville, Adams County, Pa., June 4th, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. D. N. Dittmar, *President*; Rev. W. K. Zieber, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. J. Myers, *Treasurer*.

30. Carlisle Classis will meet in Carlisle, Pa., May 28th, A. D., 1885, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. U. H. Heilman, *President and Treasurer*; and Rev. J. M. Mickly, *Stated Clerk*.

31. Juniata Classis will meet in Bedford, Pa., May 21st, A. D., 1885, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. G. Dole, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

32. San Francisco Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church of Stockton, Cal., May 14th, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Fuendeling, *President*; Rev. C. F. Waldecker, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder P. Weiland, *Treasurer*.

33. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in Washoughal City, Clark county, Washington Territory, June 4th, A. D. 1885, Rev. J. Muellhaupt, *President*; Rev. G. Graedel, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder F. Koellermeier, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. MILLER, *Chairman*.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and the Classis was excused under all the circumstances, but their attention was called to the irregularity. Items 3 and 8 to 33 inclusive were severally adopted. For the action of the Synod on item 4, see Article XXI., miscellaneous; item 5 was referred to the Board of Publication, item 6 was referred to the Board of Missions; and for action on item 7, see article XIII., Education.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination begs leave to report, that nothing claiming attention was referred to it.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented its report, during the session of Tuesday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord:

In a review of Christian work, as this appears from the reports of the several Classes, constituting the Synod of the Potomac, we find reason for devout gratitude to God, in the manifest presence of His favor and blessing upon the labors of His divinely appointed ambassadors and co-workers in the furtherance of His glorious kingdom of righteousness among men. The reports show a deeper church life, and a fuller appreciation of the paramount claims of the spiritual over the material—the heavenly over the earthly—the Kingdom of God and his righteousness over the kingdom of the world.

In nothing is this more manifest than in the unprecedented increase of contributions for general church work, showing an excess of almost \$44,000 over the year 1883. We see from this, in larger measure, the presence of Him, who, though rich, for our sakes became poor, and also a fuller realization of the words of the Lord Jesus, that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

With a growing benevolence in our churches, we can, with confidence, look forward to a blessed future—a future of noble and generous deeds, and to a greater self-sacrificing devotion to the moral and spiritual elevation of fallen man. Our waste places will be turned into rich harvest grounds, and our sanctuaries, many of them dilapidated and cheerless, will put on their most comely garments, and raise the song—not in solemn mockery—but in very truth—“How beautiful are thy gates, O Zion.” During the year a goodly number of new houses of worship have been erected, or are in course of erection, while still a larger number have been repaired and beautified, and, as a consequence, larger audiences, and a decided increase of religious interest, as well as a more ardent devotion to our own denominational church life and

genius, with a corresponding interest in our own benevolent and literary institutions.

In regard to the right training and Christian nurture of our youth, we are assured by the reports of the several Classes, that, at probably no time has the catechisation of the children of the church been more faithful and efficient. At least nine-tenths of those admitted to full Communion with the Church, are the fruits of this kind of Christian nurture. In every instance, where our youth and others can be gathered into catechumen classes, with a corresponding pastoral fidelity, an increase of communicants is absolutely assured. This department involves earnest and efficient pastoral labor, and a prayerful and watchful solicitude for all who in any way come within the influence of the ambassador of Christ. The results of the last Synodical year bear testimony to the fidelity of our pastors, in this most important and efficient means of in-gathering into the Master's fold.

The Sunday-school work has received a more than usual degree of serious and thoughtful attention. The feeling has become more general, that in the same degree that its worship and teachings are made to inspire a greater love for, and a deeper interest in the divinely appointed services of the sanctuary, will it prove a power for real and lasting good. The only too prevalent tendency of an alienation of the children from the stated services of God's house, is exciting no little solicitude, in the minds of our pastors, especially, under a sense of their weight of responsibility in regard to the youth of their parishes. To see, sabbath after sabbath, fully two-thirds of the children, in instances not a few, turn away from the temple of the Lord, and the ministrations of the Christian pastor, at the very hour of service, is matter of just alarm, as well as of grief to those who are commanded by the Chief Shepherd, as their first work, to feed the lambs. To correct this evil, and to inspire the hearts of our youth with the holy aspiration: "Oh! how I love Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth," seems, from our Classical reports, to be a prevailing anxiety among our churches. Success here will give a potency to our evangelical labors, that will be of incalculable moment to the cause and kingdom of our glorious Lord.

But what should be our most ardent aspirations for the future? To this question, there can be but one answer: the enlargement of our Zion, by a liberal response to the needs of the vast field of missionary work, open to our branch of the Church Catholic. Young men of piety and talent should be earnestly sought out, and the means of their education and equipment provided for in our schools of learning, for the gathering of the rich harvest of souls, ready for the reapers. For a speedy accomplishment of this end, let every pastor, with a true apostolical fervor, infuse into the people, under his particular oversight and care, the spirit of missions—the spirit of a large-hearted benevolence—the spirit of a vigorous co-operation in every department of Christian labor. Then shall we behold our cherished heritage, so renowned with historic memories, stand in the foremost ranks of God's "sacramental host," in the conversion of the world to Christ, our Savior and Lord; and unto His great name will we ascribe all the glory.

In conclusion, it is encouraging to note that whilst a considerable number of standard bearers have been added to our ranks, during the past year, but *one*, the Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford, has been called to lay his armor down. He has passed from the conflicts of the Church militant to the glories of the Church triumphant.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman*

(For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.
EDUCATION.

The Board of Education presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Thursday forenoon, which was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Education for consideration. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Synod's Board of Education begs leave to present to your Reverend Body the following annual report for the fiscal or Synodical year just ended.

The Board was duly organized, at the close of the last annual meeting of Synod at Newton, N. C., by the election of the following officers, namely: Rev. W. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. S. S. Miller, as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick as *Treasurer* of the Board. The Executive Committee was made to consist of the officers of the Board, *ex-officio*, and Rev. W. Goodrich and Elder J. Heyser.

During the year just ended, the operations of the Board have been carried forward successfully. One of our beneficiary students, Calvin B. Heller, completed his studies, graduating from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., last May. He was subsequently licensed to preach the gospel by the Maryland Classis, and is now engaged in the active work of his heavenly calling, as a member of the North Carolina Classis, within whose bounds his pastoral charge is located. Another young gentleman under the care and supervision of the Board as a student for the ministry, finished his theological studies at the same time and place, and was licensed by the same Classis, and is now actively at work as a missionary of the Tri-Synodical Board, in the city of Baltimore.

At the present time the Board has on its list of beneficiary students twelve young brethren, seven of whom are aided by the Maryland Classis, three by the Juniata Classis, and one each, respectively, by the Mercersburg and Carlisle Classes. It will thus be seen, that whilst one of our beneficiaries has concluded his studies preparatory to entering the holy ministry, and has entered upon the discharge of the duties of his calling, and so will no longer need the fostering aid of the Board, we still have under our care and supervision twelve beneficiary students, to whom assistance is being rendered—three more than at the time of our last annual report to the Synod. This increase, although not large and very marked, is nevertheless encouraging, because the change is in the right direction.

The young men under our care have generally made commendable progress in their different studies, and have been advanced in their several classes in the institutions where they are studying, and in due time, it is fondly hoped, will be fully equipped for the Master's blessed service. Their conduct has been good, so far as this has come under our observation, or knowledge.

While the number of those who are now preparing themselves for the sacred work of the Christian ministry under the care and supervision of your Board, has considerably increased since our last annual report was rendered, one year ago, yet it is very far short of what it ought to be, in order to meet the actual demands of the Synod, and also the growing wants of the Reformed Church. Quite an unusual number of ministerial brethren from sister Synods have been led to occupy fields of labor within our Synodical bounds, during the past year, leaving vacancies, perhaps, where they came from; yet there remain a considerable number of vacant pastoral charges in the several Classes constituting the Synod, that greatly need faithful, energetic pastors. Hence the Board feels constrained once more to direct and urge the prayerful attention and the earnest consideration of the Synod to the absolute importance and the imperative necessity of giving special emphasis to this matter, so that well qualified

and faithful laborers may be provided for the Lord's vineyard. Had the tocsin of this Board, and also of similar Boards in the Church, been heeded, as sounded for years past, there would have been less occasion for the recent diversion in behalf of a Mission House, as presented in the Church papers during the past summer. The evil is not to be remedied in such a manner. The educational channels, already at hand in our theological seminaries, colleges, and schools, are believed to be amply adequate and sufficient to meet the wants of our Church, if properly utilized, without calling more men from their fields of usefulness, in order to man an enterprize of the kind, apart from the more difficult task of raising the necessary funds, that would be required to set it going and keep it moving.

It will be readily seen, that the operations of the Board embrace only the Classes of Maryland, Mercersburg, Juniata and Carlisle. It is to be greatly regretted that Zion's, Virginia, Gettysburg and North Carolina Classes have failed to co-operate with their sister Classes, through Synod's Board of Education, in carrying forward this important church work, as required to do by the Constitution of our Church, and as also requested to do by the action of the Synod. Had these derelict and disobedient sisters united with the obedient ones, in sustaining the operations of your Board, this report would be more favorable, as it regards the number of young men supported as beneficiaries by the Church, and the amount of funds raised by the Synod for this specific work. Your attention is again respectfully called to the neglect or failure complained of, with a view of removing it, if possible.

Mercersburg College has gone forward in its work, during the year, which it is not deemed necessary to particularize in this report, inasmuch as the Board of Regents of the College will doubtless, as usual, present an annual report to the Synod of its condition and wants.

The Trustees of Catawba College, conducted as a High and Normal School, have not seen fit to comply with the Synod's request or invitation of last annual meeting to make an annual report of said institution to the Synod's Board of Education.

The amount contributed, during the last fiscal year, for the cause of beneficiary education by the churches contributing, has increased considerably over the former year. In our last report, the sum reported was only \$459.88 for the year 1882-3. This year it is \$805.57, not counting interest on legacies, and the refunding, or calling in, of the five hundred dollar loan of the Bussard bequest, placed at interest between two and three years ago. The funds in the treasury early last spring became exhausted, and it became necessary to call in the loan just referred to, in order to meet the appropriations of the beneficiary students then maturing. Whilst there has been very considerable increase in the contributions of the churches, it has not been near enough to meet the appropriations of the beneficiaries, without using some of the Bussard bequest. It will appear from the synopsis of the Treasurer's Report herewith presented, that not one of the Classes contributed funds sufficient to meet the appropriations made by them to their beneficiaries, so that the Treasurer of the Board would not have been able to pay the appropriations, had it not been for the refunding of the loan above referred to, and the interest on legacies.

The Treasurer of the Board respectfully acknowledges the receipt of the following moneys for beneficiary education, during the last fiscal or Synodical year, omitting the dates of payment, to wit :

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Maryland Classis.

From Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick \$106.47, First Reformed Church of Baltimore \$48.00, Hagerstown Charge \$48.00, Third Reformed Church of Baltimore \$16.00, Cavetown Charge \$42.00, Emmittsburg Charge \$32.00, Silver Run Charge \$30.00, Taneytown Charge \$30.00, Mechanics-

town Charge \$24.00, Clearspring Charge \$24.00, Manor Charge \$21.00, Jefferson Charge \$21.00, Boonsboro Charge \$18.65, Glade Charge \$16.00, Manchester Charge \$13.00, Westminster Charge \$10.00, Burkittsville Charge \$10.00, Mount Pleasant Charge \$10.00, and Washington Mission Charge \$3.00. Making \$553.12.

Juniata Classis.

Greenfield Charge \$20.00, Everett Charge \$15.62, Martinsburg Charge \$15.00, Waterstreet Charge \$15.00, Sehellsburg Charge \$10.00, Yellow Creek Charge \$10.00, Sulphur Spring Charge \$5.00, Dunning's Creek Charge \$5.00, Bedford Charge \$5.00, and Woodcock Valley Charge \$3.00. Making \$103.62.

Mercersburg Classis.

Greencastle Charge \$15.00, Waynesboro Charge \$15.00, Chambersburg Charge \$15.00, Shippensburg Charge \$15.00, Mercersburg Charge \$10.00, Grindstonehill Charge \$5.00, McConnellsburg Charge \$5.00, Loudon Charge \$4.22, and St. John's Church of Chambersburg \$2.00. Making \$86.22.

Carlisle Classis.

Newburg Charge \$10.00, Carlisle Charge \$10.00, New Bloomfield Charge \$10.00, Sulphur Springs Charge \$7.00. Landisburg Charge \$6.00, and Duncannon Charge \$4.61. Making \$47.61.

Interest on Legacies, &c.

Loan refunded, being part of the Samuel Bussard bequest, \$500.00, interest in part of Nicholas Gruber bequest, \$125.00, interest on the Jacob Stoudenour legacy from the Treasurer of Synod, \$12.00, and contribution by a "Friend to the Cause," in Maryland, \$15.00. Making \$652.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 11th, 1883	\$584 20
Received from the Maryland Classis	553 12
" " Juniata " 	103 62
" " Mercersburg " 	86 22
" " Carlisle " 	47 61
Loan refunded, interest on legacies, and contribution	652 00
 Total Receipts	\$2026 77

Summary of Payments.

Paid beneficiary Students of Maryland Classis	•	\$833 50
" " " " Mercersburg "	•	156 25
" " " " Juniata "	•	125 00
" " " " Carlisle "	•	117 25
Postage and stationery	•	77
 Total Payments	•	\$1232 77
Balance in Treasury, October 11th, 1884	•	794 00
		\$2026 77

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We do hereby certify that we have carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

The foregoing Synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, with the Recapitulation of

summaries of Receipts and Payments, is a true and faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury at this time to be \$794 00.

Mercersburg, Pa., Oct. 11th, 1884.

GEO W. AUGHINBAUGH, }
J. HASSSLER, } Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:—

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your Reverend Body the following annual report:—

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last report, one year ago, namely, the undersigned being *President*, Rev. Wm. I. Stewart being *Secretary*, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., being *Treasurer*. The Executive Committee of the Board consists of its officers *ex-officio* together with Rev. W. C. Cremer and Elder A. R. Schnebly.

The Board held the regular annual meeting at Mercersburg, last June, at the close of the scholastic or college year, as required by its charter and by-laws, and transacted such business as claimed their attention and consideration. At that time, four young ladies, namely, Pauline B. Culler, Annie M. Deatrick, N. Keren Hollinger, and Nancy B. Rupley, who had completed the prescribed course in the Female Department of the college, were graduated, and were granted Diplomas to that effect by your Board.

The expressed wishes of the Synod have, in all respects, been obeyed and carried out, as far as it was possible for the Board to do so. The educational work of the college has gone forward regularly, during the last Synodical year, under the prudent and careful management of the Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., as Principal or President of the college. He was supported in the work by an efficient corps of assistants, four in number, without involving the Board in any expense whatever for its teaching force, and the necessary incidental expenses connected therewith. The present teaching power of the college is believed by your Board to be at least equal, if not really superior, to any engaged in the work, since the college was reopened three years ago last September. The number of students connected with the institution, at this time, is nearly the same as one year ago. We are sorry to be compelled to say, that it is smaller than it should be, and the ministry and membership of the Reformed Church, included within the territory of the Synod are, at least measurably, to blame, that such is the case. Had the college been patronized, as it ought to have been, the income doubtless would not only have been adequate to run the institution, as now carried forward, but would also have afforded no inconsiderable revenue, to be applied towards the liquidation of its indebtedness.

The grade and standing of the students have been higher and better, last year, than at any time since the reopening in the autumn of 1881. The students generally have deport ed themselves with proper decorum, and have made marked and commendable progress, for the most part, in their several studies. Several of them have repaired to other colleges, and have entered the Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior Classes of the respective institutions, to which they have gone.

No considerable reduction in the indebtedness of the corporation has been made, during the year. It was impossible for the President of the Board to leave home and make any special effort to raise funds for this specific purpose, owing to the severe and prolonged affliction in his family. And in addition

to this, it was not known, that the membership of the Synod were disposed and ready to lend a helping hand in the matter. Without hearty sympathy and co-operation on your part, the effort to raise funds, had the trial been made, would surely have failed, and there could have been no successful achievement in the undertaking.

It became necessary to expend funds repeatedly, during the year, in keeping up the needed repairs to the various buildings belonging to the college, in rebuilding the wall in one of the wells, that had fallen in, together with repairing the spouting at the Seminary Building and at the Preparatory Building, as well as other repairs that became absolutely necessary. Many others should have been made, had the funds been at our disposal, wherewith to make them.

In the early part of the present year, what is known as the Seminary Property, located on the east side of the borough of Mercersburg, and now under lease to the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, was regularly transferred by deed to the Synod's Board of Trustees, by the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States. This was done agreeably to the authorization of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in annual sessions in Bellefonte, Pa., in October 1882. Said Synod then and there authorized the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to transfer to the Trustees of this Synod, and their successors in office "the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., with this reservation, that the said property be used for no other than educational or religious purposes, and likewise, that it be not allowed to pass out of the possession of the Reformed Church." This transfer, of course, does not and cannot affect the lease of the property, made to the Regents of Mercersburg College under date of the 21st day of June, A. D. 1871, "for the term of Ninety-nine years, commencing on the first day of July, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one, and to terminate on the first day of July, A. D., Nineteen Hundred and Seventy." Nevertheless, the fact must not be ignored, that the judgments secured against said property, and regularly entered up in the Prothonotary's office of Franklin county, do place it in jeopardy. And, here, the inquiry presents itself, whether it would not be best to make some provision to meet and wipe out the indebtedness now resting incubus-like upon the corporation, with the explicit and fairly understood condition, that the Regents of Mercersburg College would then surrender to the Synod the lease, which they now hold, and which has nearly eighty-six years yet to run. This would save the property to the Church, and at the same time would not, we think, interfere with the educational work to be carried on at Mercersburg; especially so, since the Synod, at Hagerstown, in 1878, accepted the proffer of the Mercersburg Classis to transfer the college to its fostering care, and the Synod accordingly so received it; in which relation it now stands to your Reverend Body.

In conclusion the Board would respectfully recommend, that this whole matter or subject be made the order of the day, at a time suitable to the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

W.M. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potowmack:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors of the Seminary have requested the undersigned to present to your honorable body the following report of the operations of the Seminary during the past year.

The following students were admitted to the Junior Class at the opening of the Seminary year: J. Nevin Bauman, Robert E. Crum, J. Oliver George, John F. Mackley, Maurice W. Mauch, Milton H. Mill, Wilson F. More, James W. Myers,

Gustave A. Schwedes, Addison E. Snyder and David A. Souders. Eleven in number.—Messrs. Crum and Myers were admitted to the so called *Partial Course*. All the others are College Graduates; Mr. Mackley of Pennsylvania College, Mr. More of Lehigh University, and the rest of Franklin and Marshall College. The Class has pursued all the branches of study prescribed in the course of instruction.

The Middle Class consisted of Members of the Junior Class of the year previous, with one exception, Carl Betz, who on account of negligence and bad conduct was dismissed from the Institution. There was one addition to the Class, Peter M. Trexler, who graduated from F. & M. College, June 1883. In view of his previous theological training he was judged to be qualified for admittance into the Middle Class without passing through the class below.

The members of the Senior Class, five in number, having completed the course in the Seminary prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, received the usual *Testimonial* setting forth these facts, at the anniversary of the Seminary. Their names are as follows: *Solomon A. Alt, Theodore G. DeLyre, Calvin B. Heller, E. Ranson Deatrick, and Philip F. Matzinger*.

The examination of the students was partly oral and partly written. The examination papers were submitted to the members of the Board for inspection. These with the written sermons of the Senior Class, also examined by the Board, were satisfactory.

During the year the names of twenty-four students were on the roll.

In accordance with the action of the Board taken some years ago, the Faculty has been giving the members of the Senior Class permission during the summer vacation to supply vacant missionary fields or regular pastoral charges, under the direction of the proper authorities. It is believed that such practical work has served a good purpose to the students themselves, as well as to vacant congregations or destitute missionary fields.

The moral conduct and Christian life of the students has been good. Taken as a whole they have been diligent and faithful, and their proficiency in their studies has proved to be satisfactory to the Faculty and the Board. As a body all of them at present give the promise of becoming approved and efficient workmen in the vineyard of the Lord.

Two of the members of the Senior Class have taken charge of Missions under the care of the Home Board, and one has gone into a regular charge, and that in a destitute field in the South.—These facts speak for themselves, and give emphasis to the request made in our report last year, that your Synod continue its effort, to secure a large number of young men to devote themselves to the ministry, so that the wants of the church may be more fully met.

In regard to the death of the Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., a member of the Board, referred to in our last annual report, the following action was taken and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Board.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death our much beloved and faithful co-laborer in the work and service of the holy ministry, and for a number of years an efficient member of this Board, therefore,

Resolved, that we sincerely mourn his departure, endeared to us by the tenderest ties, intensified by his truly genial spirit and eminent Christian virtues, by his constant and efficient services in the work of the Seminary, and by his sincere devotion to all that pertained to the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, that we will ever cherish his memory with sincere affection and strive to emulate his noble virtues and exemplary Christian life.

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy and condolence, praying that He who “tempers the winds to the shorn lambs,” will graciously sustain them in their great sorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, October 9. 1884.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held their regular meetings during the year. At the Spring meeting the old officers were re-elected for the current year, viz.: D. W. Gross, *President*; Geo. W. Hensel, *Vice-President*; John B. Roth, *Treasurer*; Edward J. Zahm, *Secretary*.

The Executive Committee are D. W. Gross, George W. Hensel, John B. Roth, Edward J. Zahm and Geo. Z. Kunkel.

The Treasurer's report will explain the financial operations of the Board for the year. It will be seen that the contributions from the churches have increased considerably, and your Board are well satisfied that a continued and systematic effort on the part of the pastors will result in still better support of the institution. We desire in this connection to call special attention to the contribution made by Rev. A. L. Dechant's charge. Without any special effort, but simply by presenting the claims and wants of the Theological Seminary, he raised and paid over to our Treasurer \$641.30. What he did in his charge, can be done in others, if only the people are made acquainted with the facts in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President*,
JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*,
EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Secretary*.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AS FURNISHED.

For "Synod of the Potomac."

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Dr.

1884. For amount of Endowment Fund reported Oct. 1, 1883, . \$69,349 76
March 12, " Legacy from Christianna Loose, dec'd, of Green Castle,
Franklin Co., per her Ex'rs \$500 00
Less collateral inheritance 25 00

475 00

\$69,824 76

June 17, By action of Theological Seminary Board, (see Minutes),
the following amounts were ordered to be deducted,
having no value, Bond \$1000 00
" 500 00
Note 100 00

\$1600 00

Oct. 1, Amount of Fund is \$68,224 76
Expenditure acc't of Theological Seminary from Oct. 1, 1883
to Oct. 1, 1884, is as follows:

Oct. 1, 1884, Received from Int. acc't to date \$4683 79
" for Seminary aid 1662 11

\$6345 90

Paid out to Oct. 1, 1884, per acc't to Board 6003 54

Bal. due Seminary by Treasurer Oct. 1, 1884. \$342 36
Library Fund, am't of principal is \$2069 96.

Received on Int. acc't from Oct. 1, 1883 to Oct. 1, 1884 . \$290 05

Paid Sundry Bills to Oct. 1, 1884 178 20

Balance due Library Fund Oct. 1, 1884 . . . \$111 85

Smaltz Fund Principal is \$5000 00.	
April 9, 1884, Received Int. to April 1, 1884	\$137 50
April 10, 1884, Paid to C. G. Fisher, Treasurer,	137 50
Pittsburgh Prof. Fund is \$1718 30.	
Int. on same included in End. Fund Acc't	
Building Fund Principal is \$12,883 05	
Int. on same included in End. Fund Acc't.	

Lancaster, Oct. 1, 1884.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned auditing committee, having examined the Treasurers acc't and compared his vouchers find the same correct.

ISAAC H. KEEFER.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 2, 1884.

ISRAEL LAUCKS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee, to whom the foregoing reports, together with a report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, which had been sent to the Synod directly, instead of the Board of Education as directed, had been referred, reported during the session of Friday evening. The report was received, considered item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Education beg leave to present their report.

The following papers were referred to this committee by your reverend body; 1, The Report of the Board of Education; 2, The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; 3, The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, together with a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report; 4, The Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; 5, Item 7 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes; and 6, A Report from the Trustees of Catawba College, together with the Catalogue of the same for 1883—84.

Of these papers one relates to the work of Beneficiary Education; three relate to the Theological Seminary; one relates to Mercersburg College; and one relates to Catawba College.

From the Report of the Board of Education, we learn, that during the past year there has been an increase in the contributions to the cause of beneficiary education, and also in the number of those receiving aid, to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry. At the same time, however, we are also informed, that there is need of still larger contributions and more students, in order that the wants of the Church may be properly supplied. Your Committee would accordingly recommend the following action, as regards this matter:

Resolved, That all the Classes, belonging to this Synod, be urged to take measures to increase their contributions for beneficiary education, and to secure more students for the ministry.

Resolved, That the Classes, that have as yet neglected or refused to co-operate with the Board of Education, as regards the education of young men for the ministry, be again requested and urged to comply with the instructions of the Synod.

The papers relating to the Theological Seminary show, that this institution is in a reasonably flourishing condition, and that it is faithfully instructing its students in the doctrines of our holy religion, and thus preparing them properly to discharge the arduous duties of ministers of the Gospel. As regards the request of the Gettysburg Classis to institute effective measures to increase the endowment of the Seminary, your committee is of the opinion, that it should be acceded to. The present endowment, as is evident from the Treasurer's Report,

is not sufficient to meet the current expenses of the institution. Besides the time has come, when the number of instructors in our Seminary should be increased in order that our ministry may be more fully equipped for their great work. The following action is therefore recommended:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to apportion the sum of three hundred dollars among the Classes of this Synod for the use of the Theological Seminary, during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That this Synod raise an endowment of thirty-five thousand dollars for a new professorship in the Theological Seminary, to be filled by this Synod.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of one person as superintendent representing the Synod, and one person from each Classis, represented on the floor of the Synod at this time, as counsellors and co-workers with him, in the work of raising the proposed endowment, be appointed; this endowment fund to be raised by appealing to the wealthier members of the Church within our bounds, to contribute the money necessary for this purpose.

By the papers relating to Mercersburg and Catawba Colleges, we are informed, that both these institutions have, during the past year, been conducted in a successful manner. Goodly numbers of students have been connected with them, and the instruction imparted in them has been of a superior character. Both institutions, however, are crippled by the want of funds; and Mercersburg College is especially embarrassed by the debts incurred prior to its suspension in 1880, the larger portion of which remains unpaid. We suggest with regard to those institutions the following action:

Resolved, That the condition and interests of Mercersburg College be made the order of the day for the opening of Monday afternoon's session.

Resolved, That Catawba College be again commended to the members of the Reformed Church, as in every respect worthy of their patronage and pecuniary aid.

In addition to the papers above mentioned, there has also been referred to this committee a report from Rev. J. Gantenbein, concerning the "International Academy" at Portland, Oregon. This paper shows, that the above named Academy is in a flourishing condition. The following action in regard to it is recommended:

Resolved, That this Synod is pleased to learn of the success of the International Academy of Portland, Oregon, and approves of the course pursued by those having it in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

On motion, a committee was appointed to select the committee to raise the proposed endowment for the Seminary, consisting of Revs. I. S. Weisz, S. S. Miller, W. M. Deatrick, S. N. Callender, G. D. Gurley, T. J. Barkley, A. H. Kremer, J. D. Miller, and D. E. Schoedler. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit.:

Your committee, appointed to select an individual as Superintendent, representing the Synod, and one member from each Classis, who shall act as counsellors and co-workers with him, in the work of raising the endowment proposed for the Theological Seminary, beg leave to report, that they have carefully attended to the duty assigned them. With entire unanimity they have selected Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., as Superintendent, and as counsellors and co-workers from the several Classes respectively, as follows: Elder Israel Laueks of Zion's Classis, Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer of Maryland Classis, Rev. W. C. Cremer of Mercersburg Classis, Rev. S. N. Callender of Virginia Classis, Rev. G. D. Gurley, of North Carolina Classis, Elder Henry Wirt of Gettysburg Classis, Rev. A. H. Kremer of Carlisle Classis, Rev. E. N. Kremer of Juniata Classis, and Rev. J. Fuendeling of San Francisco Classis.

Several of these brethren are members of your committee, who on that account reluctantly consented to the selection of their names—yielding only to the over-ruling action of the remaining members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The condition and interests of Mercersburg College, the consideration of which had been made the order of the day for the opening of Monday afternoon's session, were taken up at the time designated.

The Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Rev. S. N. Callender in the chair. Just before the hour of adjournment the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which was granted. The Synod spent the great portion of Monday evening's session in Committee of the Whole, considering the condition and interests of Mercersburg College. Shortly before adjournment, the Committee rose and through its chairman reported certain action to the Synod, which was laid on the table until Tuesday morning's session. At which time the Report of the Committee of the Whole was taken up, amended, and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College be advised to compromise, if possible, the indebtedness of the College, at a figure, not exceeding the sum of seven thousand dollars, in which event they be advised to effect a loan for that amount, for the liquidation; and that this Synod in that event obligates itself for the payment of the annual interest on said loan, in lieu of the three hundred dollars pledged at the meeting of the Synod held in Waynesboro'.

Resolved, That said Board be directed to apply to the Court, or to the State Legislature, for the necessary authority to enable the Board to sell the college property proper, giving the purchaser the right to use it for any purpose he may desire.

Resolved, That, such authority having been obtained, the Board of Regents be directed to dispose of the college property proper, as soon as this can be done on right terms, and apply the proceeds thereof to the liquidation of the debt of the corporation.

Resolved, That the Synod is pleased to learn the measure of success attending the College, under the managment of Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh, and commends the College anew to the patronage and liberality of our people.

The *Yeas* and *Nays* were demanded on the first of the foregoing resolutions, with the following results, namely:

YEAS.—*Ministers*, J. O. Miller, R. Smith, I. S. Weisz, A. F. Driesbach, W. Goodrich, S. S. Miller, N. H. Skyles, H. Wissler, T. F. Hoffmeier, J. G. Noss, W. Rupp, M. L. Firor, C. Clever, C. F. Sontag, G. B. Resser, A. J. Heller, G. H. Martin, E. R. Deatrick, L. F. Zinkhan, W. M. Deatrick, J. Hessler, C. Cort, J. B. Shontz, S. N. Callender, B. R. Carnahan, S. L. Whitmore, E. Welty, C. W. Summey, G. A. Whitmore, B. F. Bausmann, J. Kretzing, J. H. Derr, M. H. Sangree, H. H. Sangree, A. H. Kremer, G. E. Addams, E. N. Kremer, J. D. Miller, E. S. Hessler, and *Elders* J. Cornbau, M. Myers, J. Roth, J. W. Snyder, D. B. Seibert, U. Warenfeltz, I. Brilhart, J. Saum, E. Williard, S. Hoeflich, W. Dice, F. A. Dahl, G. P. Souder, H. W. Roller, R. L. Gray, J. Fitz, T. N. Sellers, O. T. Everhart, G. Wolf, J. B. Leiby, H. Wetzel, and H. Shambaugh. *Yeas* 61.

NAYS.—*Ministers*, A. Wanner, P. A. Long, J. T. Rossiter, A. C. Geary, S. M. Hench, J. A. Wickert, J. A. Hoffheins, C. J. Musser, H. Hilbush, J. C. Bowman, J. H. Hartman, A. G. Dole, H. F. Long, J. M. Titzel, C. S. Slagle, W. A. Long, G. D. Gurley, and *Elders* W. H. Haugh, G. S. Griffith, S. D. Piper, H. W.

Shriver, J. B. Zimmerman, J. T. Motter, H. Wirt, F. Hyle, G. L. Freet, and G. W. Zimmers. *Nays* 27.

NONLIQUETS.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, H. St. J. Rinker, T. J. Barkley, W. R. H. Deatrich, G. W. Glessner, and D. E. Schoedler. 6.

The following was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be instructed to prepare a programme of subjects pertaining to the educational interests of the Church, select speakers for the discussion of the same, and that Friday evening of the next Synodical meeting be set apart for this purpose, the discussion to be presided over by the President of the Board of Education.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. O. Miller, A. H. Kremer, and W. R. H. Deatrich were nominated as the members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders L. Markell, I. Laucks, H. Wirt, H. W. Shriver, C. A. Schultz, and I. H. Keefer as the members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the different Boards of Synod, held during the session of Monday forenoon, Revs. W. C. Cremer, S. S. Miller, and C. Cort were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years. At the same time, Revs. Wm. M. Deatrich, Wm. Goodrich, and C. Clever were chosen as members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years.

The following individuals constitute the Board of Education, and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, severally, at the present time, to wit:—

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. Wm. C. Cremer	3 years	October, 1887.
Rev. Simon S. Miller	3 "	" 1887.
Rev. Cyrus Cort	3 "	" 1887.
Rev. Wm. M. Deatrich	2 "	" 1886.
Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer,	2 "	" 1886.
Rev. Joseph W. Santee	2 "	" 1886.
Rev. Wm. Goodrich	1 year	" 1885.
Rev. Andrew J. Heller	1 "	" 1885.
Elder Jacob Heyser	1 "	" 1885.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrich	3 years	October, 1887.
Rev. Wm. Goodrich	3 "	" 1887.
Rev. Conrad Clever	3 "	" 1887.
Rev. Wm. C. Cremer	2 "	" 1886.
Rev. Simon S. Miller	2 "	" 1886.
Rev. Andrew J. Heller	2 "	" 1886.
E. J. Boubreake, Esq.	1 year	" 1885.
Elder A. R. Schnebly	1 "	" 1885.
Moses A. Foltz	1 "	" 1885.

ARTICLE XIV.
MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, and also of the Superintendent of Missions, together with item 11 of the Report on the Minutes of the Synod, items 3 and 4 of the Report on the Minutes of the General Synod, and item 3 of the Report on Overtures having been referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration, said Committee reported, during the session of Tuesday forenoon, which was received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. As such it will be found subjoined in its proper place. These several Reports are as follows:

I. REPORT OF TRI-SYNODICAL BOARD.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Fathers and Brethren:—We transmit to you the annual report of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. These reports commend themselves to your careful consideration. Our people are becoming more awakened to the importance of this good work, and are all becoming more liberal. The demands made upon us now, are greater than they have been at any previous time. Our hope is that the Church will come up to the measure of her duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR THE
YEAR 1883-84.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The Superintendent, respectfully presents to your honorable bodies his Seventh Annual Report of the progress and present condition of the missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions of the Church.

Of the missions that have been sustained by your respective Boards, 32 are in Pennsylvania; 3 in Maryland; 6 in Virginia; 1 in Delaware; 1 in the District of Columbia; 3 in North Carolina; 1 in New York; 3 in Kansas; 1 in Nebraska; 3 in California; 4 in Oregon; 1 in Washington Territory; 2 in Iowa; and one in Valparaiso, Chili, S. A.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Grace Church, Easton.*—Under the Board eight years. Members, 100; last year 86. S. S. scholars, about 100. Baptisms, 15. Additions, 16. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$48. Local objects, about \$100. Value of property, \$4,000. No debt. Attendance on public worship steadily improving. Sunday-school papers circulated. The prospects of the mission good. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$250. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler, D.D.

2. *Salem's Church, Catasauqua.*—This mission is gradually gaining ground and making progress towards self-support. During the past year it succeeded in paying off all the indebtedness, which was reported last year at \$1,250. It also succeeded in placing a new organ in the church for \$300, and this was also paid for. Members, 150. Sunday-school scholars, 200. Value of church property, \$10,000. No further statistics given. Appropriation last year \$350. This year \$350. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

3. *Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.*—One congregation — members, 50. No Sunday-school as yet. Baptisms, 3. For benevolence, \$12. Value of property, \$6,500.

This mission has made encouraging progress during the past year. The new church building is nearly finished and will be dedicated in October. It will

cost something over \$6,000, for which about four-fifths have been provided, and it is hoped by the time the new building is dedicated the remaining one-fifth will also be secured. A good spirit pervades the members, and they have much more confidence in their present enterprize than they had a year or two ago. The pastor by request of Classis has been supplying some country congregations, and thus with a new church on hand, and traveling about the country to secure the means to complete it, he has had his hands full of work; but his first year of missionary work has been a prosperous one. He has received encouragement and valuable financial assistance all along, from the other congregations in the classis. No statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$275. This year, \$275. Pastor, G. W. Kershner.

4. *St. Stephen's, Reading.*—Organized March 16, 1884, with 57 members. Members at present 90. S. S. scholars, 240. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 33. Benevolence, \$9.00. Local objects, considerable. The mission has a comfortable brick church, 36 by 70 feet, with a seating capacity for 500 persons, that costs \$3,600, for which the Reformed churches in Reading made a generous provision, with the exception of \$400 which as yet remains unpaid. This with \$3,000 debt on the lot makes the entire indebtedness \$3,400. The new church was dedicated on the 30th of December, 1883. A Reformed Church in the northern part of the city was much needed, and this meets a want that could not be met by the other churches of the place. The mission has the hearty good will as well as the moral, spiritual and financial support of all the Reformed churches and pastors of Reading. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$250. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard. Commissioned, Nov. 1, 1883.

5. *The Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia.*—Owing to a change of pastors this report covers only seven months of the year. Members, 50. S. S. scholars, 64, Two Baptisms. Six additions. For benevolence, \$13.48, and for local objects, \$750—since June 1st.

After the former pastor, Mr. Stein, signified his desire to withdraw from this mission, the services of the Rev. G. H. Johnston were secured, with the understanding that the old church should be sold and a new one put up in a better location. This had become a necessity for the success and growth of the mission, and the Council after giving the matter a careful consideration came to the conclusion that either the mission must be given up or be placed on a better basis, and prosecuted under new auspices. (The former pastor confirmed this judgment by his own experience and observation.) Accordingly an eligible lot of ground was secured for \$5,500 for this purpose, \$1,800 of which has been paid, and for the remainder a mortgage has been given. Mr. Johnston has been spending a considerable part of his time in securing funds for the purpose of erecting a new chapel in the rear of the lot. It is to be moderate in size, and is to be used hereafter as a lecture room, and for the Sunday-school when the mission is able to put up a larger building. Thus far he has met with a reasonable degree of success wherever he has gone. He has, however, on hand a large undertaking, and a very important work for the church. He ought to be liberally encouraged by the congregations and pastors, at a distance as well as those nearer at home. The old church has not as yet found a purchaser. After the mortgage on it is paid off, something will be left for the chapel. Owing to the pastor's frequent absences from home, the mission has not received the pastoral attention which its circumstances required; still it is buoyant with hope, and a new and aggressive spirit has been awakened among them by this new departure in their affairs. This has shown itself by the addition of valuable new members, which have been drawn towards the enterprize, and a good spirit in the congregation prevails. Appropriation, \$800. Pastor, G. H. Johnston. Commissioned, Jan. 1, 1884.

6. *Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg.*—One congregation organized as a mission in 1864. Served by present pastor eleven years. Members, 110. S.

S. scholars, about 200. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 5. Five died. Losses by removals, considerable. For benevolence, \$120.36, including \$75 to Home Missions. Missionary society established in 1878, consisting largely of children, contributed \$35. Value of church property, \$7,000. No indebtedness. The mission is at present adopting measures to erect a parsonage in the rear of the church building. When this is once accomplished, the mission will be nearly or quite self-supporting. It is a wise and judicious movement. It is to cost \$2,000. The half of this is to be secured before the building is commenced. The pastor continued to serve the Zwingli Mission several months towards the close of previous year. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, G. W. Snyder. Commissioned, April, 1873.

7. *Steelton Mission*.—This interest has been watched over by the Classis and the Board during the past year. It has been supplied with preaching every two weeks by the Superintendent, who has been assisted by students of the Theological Seminary and others. In the early part of the year a new congregation was organized with some twenty members. The Rev. G. W. Snyder, held catechetical class from February to Whitsuntide, when he confirmed a class of ten. There are now about 40 members on the roll. An effort to put up a new church before winter, has been started, which has met with an encouraging degree of success. The lot of ground on which it is to be built is the gift of Elder Rudolph F. Kelker of Harrisburgh. The Board is making efforts to secure a suitable person to take charge of this mission as soon as possible. This is now becoming more and more a necessity. The prospects are encouraging. — vacant.

8. *Zwingli Mission, Harrisburg*.—One congregation, German. Members, 51 (communicants). S. S. scholars, 25. Baptisms since June 1st, one, and additions six. Benevolence, \$12. Current expenses and interest on debt all paid. Value of property, \$8,000. Indebtedness about \$1,200. The mission was supplied with preaching every two weeks by Dr. Kuelling of Philadelphia, from February until the 1st of July, when he became the regular pastor. This mission has had serious difficulties to encounter in the past, but Providence has watched over it and protected it. Its members have been faithful, and they now feel encouraged by the presence of a pastor among them. Their prospects are encouraging. Appropriation of the Board \$100, assisted by the Ursinus Union. Pastor, John Kuelling, D. D. Commissioned, July 1, 1884.

9. *Lock Haven*.—Two congregations. Members, 165. S. S. Scholars, 225. Baptisms, 17. Additions, 8. For benevolence, \$39. For congregational purposes, \$1221. Value of Church property, \$8,000. Debt, \$300. Liquidation of Debt, \$200. Some improvements were made about the property. The Mission is doing well and preparing itself to become self-supporting. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$275. Pastor—G. W. Gerhard. Commissioned, August 1, 1883.

10. *St. John's Church, Williamsport*.—One congregation. Members, 79. S. S. Scholars, 75. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 9. Losses, 2. For Local objects, \$987. A Mite Society maintained with good results. The former Pastor, Rev. J. S. Wagner, who devoted himself with much zeal and with encouraging results to the building up of this mission, felt compelled on account of ill health, and in accordance with the advice of his physicians, to withdraw from the field in February last. For several months, as a consequence, the mission was without a Pastor, but it was fortunate in securing a new one a short time ago. The new Church is under roof, and will, it is supposed, be ready for occupancy by the end of the present year. Its cost will be fully \$10,000. There will be a considerable debt incurred, it is feared, but it is hoped that with the blessing of God on the pastor and people this will not be too heavy for them to bear. The energy of this congregation and of the pastor heretofore displayed, is a guarantee that they will be able to shoulder the burden they have assumed.

Appropriation from the Board last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

11.—*Bangor Mission*.—No report for this year.

12.—*East End and Wilkinsburg*.—Two congregations, Zion's and Trinity. Members, 109. Some names erased. S. S. Scholars, 140. Baptisms since 1st of June, 4. Additions, 22. For local objects, \$800. Value of Church property, \$8500. Indebtedness, \$1050; \$550 on Zion's, and \$500 on Trinity. Reduction of indebtedness at Trinity, \$250. Two Ladies' Aid Societies. A vigorous effort will be made during the coming year to remove the debt on both churches. The attendance on Sabbath services encouraging. Prayer meetings are also well attended. By the withdrawal of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, last fall, the mission was vacant until the present pastor took charge a few months ago. The indications are that the mission will continue to prosper. Appropriation, last year, \$450. This year, \$700. Pastor—M. F. Frank, commissioned, June 1, 1884.

13.—*Duncannon*.—Three congregations. Members, 126. S. S. Scholars, 150. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 10. Losses, 5. Benevolence, \$71. Congregational purposes, \$960. Value of property, \$6,500.

At Duncannon a new roof was put on the church, the walls papered on the inside, and painted on the outside, the pulpit improved, and the fence repaired and painted. At Maryville, the church was painted. A new board walk laid in front of the church, and a new organ secured. The church at Delville, which is union, was supplied with a new roof. With these outward indications of progress, there was, it is believed, a corresponding work of grace going forward in the hearts of the people, and the mission is doing well. Appropriation, last year, \$175. This year, \$150. Pastor—J. R. Lewis.

14.—*Sulphur Spring Mission, Bedford Co.*—Under the Board since 1876. Three congregations. Members, 209. S. S. Scholars, 100. Baptisms, 27. Additions, 22. Losses, 9. For benevolence, \$85. For local objects, \$357. Value of property, about \$3,000. No indebtedness. Church festivals all observed. Church papers circulated.

The mission is a small one, and the prospects of enlargement only tolerably encouraging. Many of the young people move out of the field for the purpose of getting employment. The mission is not yet prepared to undertake to provide for itself; but it is believed that if the members more generally were as liberal in the support of the pastor as missionary charges are elsewhere, there would be no further need of an appropriation. The pastor has been faithful in his endeavors to awaken among his people a more liberal spirit, but thus far without success. Appropriation, last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor—E. H. Dieffenbacher, Commissioned, April 1, 1884.

15.—*Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co.*—Three congregations. Report for eight months. Members, 104. S. S. Scholars, 88. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 6. Loss, 1. For benevolence, \$29. Local objects, \$. Value of property, \$3,500. Debt, \$50. A few subscribers to our church papers.

The Rev. C. H. Reiter, served this mission faithfully for two years, and under his ministry it made an advance in the erection of a fine new church at Shirley. He withdrew from the field on the 1st of May, with the good wishes of the Board, and the hope that he will build up elsewhere.

After Pastor Reiter retired, the mission was supplied acceptably for three months, by J. F. Mackley, M.D., of the Seminary at Lancaster. This charge is adopting measures to secure a new pastor. Appropriation, last year, \$150. This year, \$150.

16. *Shenandoah*.—One congregation. Members, 290. S. S. Scholars, 210. Baptisms, 32. Additions, 40. Losses by death 20. For benevolence, \$13. For local objects, \$10.13. Cost of church property, \$5,000. Recent value, \$6,000. For liquidation of debt, \$303. Subscribers to church papers, 10.

There is a Ladies' Aid Society in the congregation, but no Missionary Society as yet. Meetings for prayer moderately well attended. The prospects are, that in time a large congregation may be built up. The mission expects to be self-supporting by the end of the year. Appropriation, last year, \$300. No appropriation. Pastor, G. W. Stibitz. Commissioned, Aug. 1, 1883.

17. *St. John's, Johnstown.*—One congregation, 110 members, 118 S. S. scholars, 22 Baptisms, 19 Additions. For Benevolence, \$42.13. Local objects, \$534.73. Value of property, \$3,000. No indebtedness. Something in the treasury for a parsonage. Sunday Services and prayer meetings well attended. Stagnation in business for some time past has had its effect on the mission, causing some people to leave the town preventing others from moving in. A good spirit pervades the congregation. As times improve, and the mission succeeds in securing for itself a parsonage, its prospects for becoming self-supporting will be assured. Good order, peace, harmony prevail among the members. Pastor Bates commenced his work at Johnstown in June 1879, as a supply without any appropriation, until Jan. 1881. The new church was dedicated in Nov. 1880, and the congregation organized Jan. 23, 1881. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, \$350.—Pastor, W. H. Bates.—Commissioned Jan. 1, 1881.

18. *St. Luke's, Lancaster.*—Churches, 1. Organized Jan. 1879, with eight members. Members at present, 87. S. S. scholars, 240. Baptisms, 28. Additions, 31. Dismissed three, one to the ministry, Elder B. F. Bausman. Funerals, 24. Catechetical Instruction during the whole year with an intermission of three months. Weekly Services, including missionary meetings. Contributions to benevolent objects, \$16.25. Local objects, \$482.20. Cost of property, exclusive of lot, \$2,300. Present value, \$3,300. Church publications, 308. The mission is at present negotiating for lot, on the side and rear of the chapel, valued at \$1,500, which can be secured by the kindness of the owner for \$1,400. This is necessary in order that there may be an extension of the Chapel in the rear, and that there may be room for a larger church building in the future. To neglect to do this now would jeopardize the success of the mission, rendering it necessary in a few years to find another location, which would involve no little loss. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300.—Pastor W. F. Lichliter. Commissioned May 30, 1880.

19. *Overton Mission, in Bradford and Sullivan Counties.*—Three congregations, 160 members, 60 S. S. scholars. Baptized, 19. Additions, 9. Benevolence, \$27. Congregational purposes, \$1,000. Value of property about \$2,000. Indebtedness on the Elkland church, \$150, which amount the East Susquehanna Classis loaned to the congregation for five years without interest. The congregation at Dushore in Sullivan county has increased considerably in numbers under the present pastorate, with a catechetical class at present numbering eighteen and the prospect of an increase. But it has not succeeded as yet in putting up a new church, something which is much needed, and ought to be attended to without delay. The permanent success of the good work begun here requires it. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$125.—Pastor C. H. Mutschler. Commenced his labors here Jan. 1, 1882.

20. *Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.*—Congregations two. Members, 147. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 25. Nett gain, 7. For benevolence, \$25. Local objects, \$1,100. Value of property, \$8,000. Indebtedness provided for, under the board six years. The mission is doing well, and is gradually surmounting the difficulties in its way. Its progress is slow but healthsome. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200.—Pastor S. H. Eisenberg.

21. *Marietta.* One congregation. Members, 133. S. S. scholars, 140. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 31. Losses, 6. Members of the Missionary Society, 32. Benevolent objects, \$13. Local objects, \$394. The mission has an interest in a union church, and has had the exclusive use of it for a number of years past. The church festivals were observed, also a Zwingli Memorial Service. The

members generally are in limited circumstances, but are liberal givers. The pastor was kindly remembered by his people and received several suitable gifts during the year. Six subscribers to the larger church papers. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$100.—Pastor D. B. Schneder. Commissioned May 1, 1883.

22. *Tionesta*. Vacant during the past year. No report.

23. *New Castle*. Members, 47. S. S. scholars, 45. Additions for the last six months, 10 and baptisms, 5. Value of property, \$4,000. Indebtedness, \$880, with interest practically paid up to date. This mission was without a pastor for about one year and as a consequence suffered somewhat for the want of spiritual supervision and guidance. The members, however, have rallied around their new standard bearer, and show a disposition to labor together in the Gospel for the benefit of the church and for the cause of Christ. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year, \$400.—Pastor D. B. Lady.

24. *Dubois, Clearfield Co.*—The mission consists of two small congregations. Members, 57. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 10. No losses. Benevolence, \$43. Local objects \$1,450; \$1,200 to the erection of the two new churches, in addition to what was reported last year. Both were dedicated during the past year. Indebtedness on the church in Dubois \$500. Nothing on the other church. Present value of church property is \$6,500. The mission is a new one, comparatively speaking, having been under the Board only about two years and a half. The pastor having received a call to the mission at Williamsport accepted of it, in accordance with the advice of the classic and with the approbation of the Board. Having placed the interests of the mission on a good footing, he thought that he could withdraw without injury to its interest—July 1, 1884. It has been doing well, but it will need a pastor soon. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year vacant.—Pastor D. H. Leader. Commissioned in 1882.

25. *Houtzdale, Clearfield Co.*—One organized congregation, 42 members, 30 S. S. scholars, 22 Baptisms, 7 Additions, losses 6. For benevolence \$16.00. For local objects \$126. Present value of church property \$1200. Indebtedness \$300, with some accrued interest.

The depression in business and the want of labor continue in this section. The members of the mission, consisting largely of foreign Germans, are few but industrious. Many of them suffered from the fire during last spring, and they can do but little for the church or the pastor during the stagnation. The pastor is also inadequately supported, yet feels compelled at times, to share his scanty living with the suffering poor around him. It is a case in which relief from some outside source should be extended before the winter sets in. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year \$300. Pastor, C. W. Siegel. Commissioned May 1, 1882.

26. *Meyersdale*.—Organized in 1881. No Report. Two Congregations. Members last year, 340; S. S. scholars, 160; value of property, \$3000. Measures have been adopted to build a new church at Meyersdale. Appropriation last year, \$120. Hereafter self supporting. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

27. *McKeesport, Turtle Creek*.—Two congregations, 95 members; S. S. scholars, —; baptisms, —; additions, 42; losses, 18; value of property, \$4500. The chapel at Turtle Creek was dedicated in October last, and entirely paid for. A new organ was purchased for the congregation during the year, and the last dollar paid on it a few weeks ago. The ground for the new church at McKeesport cost \$2215, on which \$735 have been paid. A portion of it can be sold to advantage, and in this way the debt on it will be reduced to about \$800. A new church is in process of erection, 31 by 49 feet, which is to cost \$1500. A portion of this has been raised by the missionary's efforts in the Pittsburgh synod, and a small portion in the East; but more money is needed, and his appeals to our pas-

tors and congregations are still urgent. He wishes to dedicate the new house of worship free of debt, as every mission chapel should be. It is hoped that he will receive more responses to the cards which he has sent out for assistance. He is absent from his field about one-fourth of his time, and on this account the spiritual building does not progress as rapidly as it otherwise would. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$450. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker, commissioned Jan., 1883.

28. *Wills Creek*.—This mission was organized Oct. 1, 1881, and served by S. T. Wagner until last spring, when he accepted a call to another charge. Under his ministry it made encouraging progress. During the Summer months it was supplied acceptably by Mr. W. E. Ludwig, a student of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. It consists of four congregations, with 217 members and 125 S. S. scholars. No further statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$115. This year vacant.

29. *Trinity Mission, Scottdale*.—One congregation. 41 members. 60 S. S. scholars. Baptisms and additions during the year not reported. For benevolence, \$24. Local objects, \$940.20. Value of property, \$4500. Indebtedness, \$90. Liquidation of indebtedness, \$666.

This mission had no regular pastor until last spring, but it was supplied from time to time with preaching by the Rev. Lucian Cort of Greensburg, and thus kept from being demoralized. It has taken a new start under a new pastor, and its prospects are growing more and more favorable. Appropriation this year \$200. Pastor, H. S. Garner, commissioned May 1, 1884.

30. *Clear Ridge Mission, Bedford Co.*—This mission is a new charge, which received assistance from the Juniata classis last year, but was taken formally under the care of the Board a few months ago. It consists of three congregations and two preaching points. 83 members. Three Sunday schools, all union. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 12. Losses, 2. Benevolence, \$45.15. Local objects, \$310. Value of church property, including parsonage, \$1700. Indebtedness, \$263. Collections at harvest home festivals, \$17.47. This field is a difficult one to cultivate. The people are scattered about in the mountains and valleys. They, however, appreciate the means of grace and are thankful for them. The pastor is encouraged and believes that in this field he has a work to accomplish for Christ and his cause. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, D. G. Klein, commissioned 1884.

31. *Mercer County Mission*.—The hope expressed in our last annual report that the health of the pastor of this mission, Rev J. J. Pennypacker, might be spared to the church was to some extent realized. His strength was gradually returning to him for several months, so that he began to discharge some of his pastoral duties, and was looking to the time when in a few months he should be able again to preach to his people. But in the month of February last, while he was performing a pastoral visit, a second stroke of paralysis overtook him, the effects of which, although he partially rallied, he never recovered. On the 23d of April last he fell gently asleep in Christ, with a clear consciousness of his approaching end, and words of prayer on his lips, in the 49th year of his age. He labored not in vain in the Lord. Since his death his charge has been provided for by the classis.

32. *Somerset*.—Several congregations were separated from the old Somerset charge a few years ago, and the portion remaining, consisting of two congregations, being unable to support a pastor was assisted by the Classis. Recently it was placed under the Board as a mission. Three congregations. Members, 170. S. S. scholars, 75. A new congregation at Ursina was recently organized, consisting of 19 members. The charge owns a parsonage now free of debt. The mortgage on it of \$1040 having been recently paid off. No further statistics given. Appropriation, \$145. Pastor, H. King, commissioned April 1, 1884.

MARYLAND.

33. *Cumberland*.—One congregation. Members, 175. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 40. Losses by death, 6. Two benevolent societies. Contributions for benevolence, \$20. For local objects, \$1,800. Value of property, \$6,500. Present indebtedness, \$1,250. Liquidation during past year \$1,000. The mission owns a cemetery from which it derives some income. Some of the church papers, German and English, are taken. The progress of the mission from year to year is slow but sure. Appropriations last year, \$100. Self-supporting. Commissioned, October 1, 1884. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

34. *Woodbury and East Baltimore*.—The services of the Rev. E. R. Deatrick were secured for this mission by a committee of the Maryland Classis, last Spring. He took charge of it on the 10th of May last. He was subsequently commissioned as missionary under the Board. Thus far he has confined his labors to Woodbury, a suburb of Baltimore, where he has been preaching regularly every Sunday. His audiences have been increasing in number. He has found about 25 persons in the community who are members of the Reformed Church and willing to support the new organization. A Sunday School was organized on Whitsuntide, which now numbers over 30 scholars. A committee of the Maryland Classis appeared on the ground and purchased a suitable lot of ground for a new church, for \$2,100, on the credit of Classis. The Classis has also obligated itself to pay \$1000, as soon as it is needed for the erection of a chapel, and it is understood that the churches in Baltimore will contribute a like amount, or more, if it should become necessary. The missionary expects to start a Sunday School in East Baltimore as soon as the way is open, and then to commence missionary operations in that section of the city. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, E. R. Deatrick. Commissioned, May 1, 1884.

35. *Ridgely, Caroline County*.—Three congregations. Members, 96. Sunday-school scholars, 96. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 34. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$340. Value of property, \$2,500. No indebtedness. Liquidation of debt, \$125. The ladies of the congregation have formed themselves into a "Ladies' Home Mission Aid Society."—The mission is doing well. It is yearly increasing by emigration from the North, which is of such a character that the prospects now are that in the course of time the churches will become large and prosperous. A pleasant Christmas festival was held, at which the pastor was kindly remembered. The pastor has the satisfaction of seeing that his first year in the ministry and in his present field have borne good fruits. Appropriation last year, \$300. Pastor, C. W. Levan. Commissioned, September, 1883.

VIRGINIA.

36. *Winchester*.—Old report. Three congregations. Members, 112. S. S. scholars, 50. Value of church property, \$5000. During the year the old parsonage was sold for \$1,500, which, after the indebtedness is paid off, will leave nearly or quite enough money to secure another parsonage without any debt resting on it. The new chapel at Stephenson's Station, five miles out from Winchester, was dedicated in June last. The prospects are that an interesting congregation may be built up at this point in the course of time, which will materially strengthen the charge and assist in making it self-supporting. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Kremer, was called to a field of usefulness in the West last Spring, and since then the mission has been vacant. To some extent it has been supplied with preaching by neighboring brethren. Appropriation last year, \$250. Vacant.

37. *Middlebrook*.—Two congregations. Members last year, 83. S. S. scholars, 120. Baptisms, 8; additions, 8. For benevolence, \$40. Congregational purposes, \$600. Value of property, \$4000. Indebtedness, \$700. Reduction, \$100. The mission has secured for itself a new parsonage, which will soon be completed. It has occupied much of the time and attention of the pastor, who

has regarded this as vital to the future prosperity and success of the mission. His efforts in this direction have been strenuous and are now being crowned with success. The charge is prospering. Appropriation last year, \$150. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore. Commissioned, June 1, 1884.

38. *Mill Creek*.—No report. Two congregations. Members, 96 last year. S. S. scholars, 100. Value of property, \$4,500. The mission is prospering. Prospects of organizing a new congregation at Mount Jackson favorable. Other indications favorable. The missionary preaches at five points in all. Appropriation last year, \$150. Pastor, G. A. Whitmore. Commissioned, March 15, 1883.

39. *Timberville, Rockingham Co.*—Two congregations. Members, 136. S. S. scholars, 30. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 5. Benevolence, \$30. Local objects, \$700. Value of property, \$3,100. Indebtedness, \$100.

The new church at Timberville was dedicated last Whitsuntide. It cost \$2,000 and is without any debt. Since then, through the activity of the ladies in the church and others, a new organ was secured and presented to the congregation. Other improvements are in contemplation. Their Mite Society is in good working order and is doing well. This mission is the result of a division of an old charge, which was too large for one minister. At the time there was some opposition to the new arrangement and there may be some want of zeal for it still, but the results show that it was wise and proper. If all will unite and do their part it will not be long before the charge will become self-supporting. It promises well for the future. Prospects of enlargement. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$100. Pastor, C. W. Summey. Commissioned June, 1883.

40. *Harrisville Mission*.—This is a new charge formed by the division of the Woodstock charge over one year ago and then placed under the care of the Board. For the first year it was supplied from time to time by its former pastor, Dr. Martin, but during last Spring the mission secured the services of the present pastor. He entered upon his duties as missionary on the first of June last. Congregations, 2. Members, 150. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms by present pastor, 5. Additions, 1. No report of contributions to benevolence or local objects. \$70 to pastor's salary. Value of property \$2,100. No indebtedness. One of the congregations, St. Stephen's, has as yet no church building. Some church papers circulated. Within this field there is missionary ground that can be cultivated and made useful in strengthening the charge. Prospects encouraging to the pastor. It is thought that the mission will need help only for one year. Assisted partly by the Classis and partly by the Board. Appropriation, \$50. Pastor, E. Welty, M.D.

41. *St. John's Mint Spring Mission*.—Congregations, 1. No organization effected at the Mint Spring Church. Members, 127. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 8. Losses, 6. For benevolence, \$14.67. For local objects, \$295.32. Value of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness on Mint Spring Church, \$200. Pastor endeavored to increase the membership, but he says without success. Prospects thus far not encouraging. Unreasonable difficulties met him in his way at Mint Spring. Thinking that another pastor, perhaps a young man, might suit the charge better, he withdrew, and took charge of another mission within the bounds of the Classis. Commissioned March, 1882, and left April, 1884. Appropriation last year, \$150. Vacant.

42. *Roanoke*.—The Rev. C. J. Musser took charge of this mission in February last, and continued to labor in the field with much diligence, having visited every family in the town to find out members of the Church. He thus found that the number was small; his attendance at divine worship was also small. In the month of April it was ascertained that his health was failing him, when the Board requested him to withdraw from the field and recuperate his physical strength. After his return home his physician required him to resign his commission altogether, as something necessary to his convalescence. The mission

is therefore vacant, and it has been referred to the Classis of Virginia, which is to look after it; and, if Providence indicates that anything further should be done in this direction, to go forward. Appropriation \$300. Vacant.

DELAWARE.

43. *St. John's, Wyoming, Kent Co.*—One congregation. Members, 102. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 9. Losses, 6. For benevolence, \$26. For congregational purposes, \$12.58. Value of property, \$5,000. Indebtedness on the new parsonage, about \$1,300. Services well attended. A Ladies' Mite Society diffuses a good spirit over the congregation. If the mission succeeds in paying off all indebtedness recently incurred, as it is trying to do, it is believed that it will be in a condition to provide for itself in the course of another year. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. F. Laury. Commissioned, Dec. 1, 1883.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

44. *Grace Church, Washington.*—One congregation. Members, 70. S. S scholars, 40. Baptisms, 17. Additions, 17. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$212. Value of property, \$15,000. Original cost about \$8,000. Some indebtedness remains yet to be paid, which was assumed by the Classis of Maryland. Some of the other Classes, or single congregations, have not yet paid their share of what was apportioned to them. It ought to be done without further delay, so as to relieve individuals who have given their credit for the money when needed. The missionary Society, now two years old, has been active, and has proved a blessing to the congregation. The Church services and the meetings for prayer during the week have been fairly attended. The mission is making a gradual progress in numbers, composed largely of members of our Church moving into the city from other places. More come than go, thus far. The mission now presents a modest but attractive place of worship for members of our Church visiting the national capital or intending to make it their future residence; and it seems scarcely necessary to urge them to give it their generous countenance and support. Appropriation last year, \$575. This year, \$575. Pastor, C. F. Sontag. Commissioned June, 1880.

NORTH CAROLINA.

45. *Concord.*—This mission was supplied by the Rev. Paul Baringer during the past year until the month of July, when the Board appointed the present pastor to take charge of it. He has been preaching twice every Sunday in the church of a sister denomination, now without a pastor. A lot of ground has been secured for a new church, and most of the material for the building is on it or at the mills ready to be utilized. But funds are needed, and as soon as the Potomac Synod and the Classis advance the amounts promised, the building will go up. It is hoped that there will be no further delay in this direction. There are about twenty members in the congregation, but they are active and energetic, and are anxious to have the church finished before winter sets in. No further statistics. Appropriation for the supply last year, \$50. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. W. Cecil. Commissioned July 1, 1884.

46. *Lincolnton.*—This mission has continued to be served by the Rev. Mr. Foil in connection with his other duties as pastor and professor, and his services have been gratefully appreciated by the few members that still adhere to the Church. We understand that measures have been adopted by the Classis by which it shall become a part of a new charge that is to be formed. In this way its interests will be better provided for. Appropriation last year, \$50. Pastor, John A. Foil.

47. *Newton.*—The congregation at Newton having been detached from the charge of which it was a part, it was constituted a mission, and recently placed

under the Board. The Rev. Dr. Clapp, formerly pastor, having resigned a part of his duties in connection with Catawba College, will take charge of the new mission, and have time hereafter to attend to its interests. Appropriation. \$200. Pastor, J. C. Clapp. Commissioned, ——

NEW YORK.

48. *German Evangelical St. Paul's Reformed Church.*—One congregation Members, about 200. S. S. scholars, 200. Baptisms, 135. Additions, 40. Losses, 10. For benevolence, \$150. Local objects, \$700. Value of church, \$5,000. No indebtedness, but ground rent to pay. A Missionary Society. Papers of the Church taken, 117. Both languages used in the Sunday-school and catechetical class. A parochial school. Some English preaching needed. This mission is under the care of the German Board, but has been assisted all along by this Board. It is growing—making encouraging progress. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, F. Fox. Date of commission, April 14, 1880.

KANSAS.

49. *Emporia.*—Two congregations, one at Emporia and the other at Abilene. Members at both places, 65. S. S. scholars, 30. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 27. Loss 1. Benevolence, \$21.68. Local objects, \$132.60. Value of property, \$6500, plus value of church at Abilene. Indebtedness, \$100.

Mr. Shuey continued to work up the mission at Iola for about six months of the past year, when it was prepared for a pastor, and the Board accordingly supplied it with one, in the month of May. He also served the church at Abilene and surrounding points, and it is now in a condition to become the centre of a new pastoral charge, and should be supplied with a missionary pastor at once. He likewise visited Kansas City from time to time, but not since June last, and our interests there have to be neglected for the present, as our Missionary Superintendent has too many other engagements to attend to. A suitable person should be sent to Kansas City without delay, or it may soon be too late. On account of the pastor's absence, our mission at Emporia has, no doubt, suffered for the want of more preaching and pastoral attention, but the brethren there should make up for what is lacking in present circumstances by so much greater zeal and activity in holding up their cause and the hands of their pastor. The prosperity of Reformed churches around them in the state will in the end be their prosperity. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$500. Pastor, D. B. Shuey, commissioned Nov. 1, 1882.

50. *Iola.*—The congregation of eleven members organized at this place over one year ago was served by our Missionary Superintendent, Mr. Shuey, until he was relieved by a new missionary sent out in the spring. Mr. S. A. Alt of the seminary at Lancaster arrived at Emporia in the beginning of June, when the Classis in session examined, licensed and ordained him as missionary at Iola, where, since that time he has been preaching every Sabbath. He has also been preaching regularly at Moran a town thirteen miles distant, where he has found enough members to organize a congregation. For the present he holds his services at this place in the church of a sister denomination which the Reformed people helped to build. At Iola, he preached in a public hall rented for the purpose, but the members have purchased a lot of ground and are at present adopting measures to erect on it a new church. When Mr. Alt took charge of this mission, he found 16 members of the church at Iola, and 15 at Moran, but he reports that in his visits he finds others who had not reported themselves. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor S. A. Alt. Commissioned June 1, 1884.

51. *Wichita.*—One congregation, at Marshall, eighteen miles from Wichita, of thirty members. The children attend at present a Union Sunday-school, but will be formed into a school of their own as soon as the new church is finished. One baptism. Additions, twelve. The members are scattered over a consider-

able extent of territory, and no prayer meetings or benevolent societies have as yet been organized. Contributions for benevolent objects, \$14.35. Contributions to "local objects," pastor's salary, and so on have been applied to the erection of the new church. In Wichita, containing a population of more than 13,000 inhabitants, the missionary has been preaching every other Sunday. In this place there is plenty of material to form a congregation, but it seems to be difficult to get it into organization. But the missionary is gaining ground and is hopeful as it regards the future. Appropriation last year, \$500; this year, \$450. Pastor, I. G. Brown. Commissioned, April, 1883.

NEBRASKA.

52. *Lincoln*.—2 congregations, one at Fairview, in Saunders Co., 23 miles from Lincoln and another at Ithaca. 36 members. 45 S. S. scholars. Baptisms, 2. Additions, 1. Contributed for benevolence, \$25. For congregational purposes, \$235. No Church property. The missionary preaches occasionally at Lincoln, and seeks to keep our members together until a missionary can be sent to take charge of our interest in that city; also at Ceresco, where the people are destitute of preaching. He has at this point large audiences, and good prospects of establishing a congregation before long. Besides preaching at three different points in Saunders Co., he has visited various other places, wherever he hears of Reformed families; but often they are too few as yet in numbers to form an organization. His field is very large, and he ought to have at least two colleagues, one to be located at Lincoln, and another to assist in visiting different places, preaching wherever he goes, and encouraging our people to wait until the way is open for them to be formed into congregations and provide for them ministers. Now seems to be the time for this kind of preparatory work, and unless it is improved, we will continue to lose good members of our Church by the scores and the hundreds. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$275. Pastor, Edmond Erb. Commissioned April 1, 1881.

CALIFORNIA.

53. *First Reformed Church, San Francisco*.—This congregation having been without a pastor for over a year has, in consequence, suffered severe losses. The pastor elect found it necessary to remain in the East during the whole of last winter in order to secure funds for California missions, and more particularly for the removal of the debt on the Church at San Francisco. Accordingly he did not arrive on the ground to take charge of the congregation until the first of June of this year. Since then he has been laboring acceptably and with some measure of success in building up the broken down walls. During the period the congregation was without a pastor. Out of a nominal membership on the Church books of one hundred and nineteen, seventy-nine thus far fell away and thus far only forty have reported themselves. The Sunday-school numbers forty scholars. There have been thus far two baptisms, but no additions. \$460 have been contributed for local objects. The "Ladies' Aid Society" has been revived, and the members contribute each fifty cents a month for congregational purposes. The original cost of the Church property was \$6,222.60. Its present value is \$7,500, and its present indebtedness, \$4,585.24. From this it will appear that this important mission has been unfortunate, and that it is still encompassed with difficulties. But the few members remaining are faithful and true to the Reformed Church, and the prospects are now that, if the congregation is in the enjoyment of faithful pastoral attention, it will again grow and prosper. The greatest outward difficulty in the way of its progress is its heavy indebtedness. This the members are willing to help in removing, but in order to remove it entirely, they will need the assistance of the Churches in the East. It is a case in which help is needed, and where it would be well bestowed. In addition to his duties as pastor, Mr. Schoedler has also attended to

his duties as Superintendent of Missions in California. He has visited the missions at Napa and Stockton and encouraged them very much by his presence and counsel. In accordance with the instructions of the Board, he adopted measures to revive the Classis of San Francisco. An annual meeting was held which transacted all its business harmoniously and very much to the satisfaction of its members. It is believed now that it will hereafter be able to discharge its functions with benefit to the Churches. Appropriation, \$675. Pastor, D. E. Schoedler. Commissioned, March, 1884.

54. *Stockton*.—One congregation at Stockton and a preaching place at Live Oak, near Lodi. Members, 70. S. S. scholars, 57. Unconfirmed members, 95. Baptisms, 26. Confirmed, 11. Losses, 6. Value of property, \$6,000. Contributed for benevolence, \$20. For congregational purposes, \$350. The congregation has gained possession of their church building, and has been using it during the past year, but the opposition, in violation of all law and justice, have been successful in holding possession of the parsonage up to the present time. Legal measures have been employed to eject the intruders, but the trial has been postponed. It is believed that it will not be long before the true owners of the property will get possession of it. When the intruder is once ousted, the rent will go to the support of the mission. The pastor has been faithful in looking after all the interests of the mission, and notwithstanding the many difficulties it has had to encounter, it is growing in inward and outward strength. The pastor thinks that now, after much hard fighting and self-denial, it would be wise for him to withdraw from the field, and the Board is trying to obtain for him a suitable successor, and to secure for him another field of usefulness. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, E. De Geller. Commissioned, —

55. *Salem's Church, Napa*.—The most noticeable event in the progress of this mission during the past year was the removal of its indebtedness, to which it was incited by the gift of \$100 collected by Mr Schoedler in the East for California missions. The services in the church and at Sunday-school have been regularly maintained, which have been encouraged by religious people among the Germans; but many among them are still indifferent to church services, if not at heart hostile to them. On this account the pastor is inadequately supported. He still holds services at Vallejo once a month. He has baptized 12 children and confirmed a class of five. The church is worth \$3,000. No other statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$125. Pastor, Geo. Maechtersheimer.

OREGON.

Dr. Gantenbein, missionary superintendent in Oregon, reports that he has given considerable attention to Astoria, Oakpoint and Gray's River during the past year. The latter point is 13 miles distant from Astoria, where he found 13 German families. He has preached for them twice, for which they seem very thankful. For the small congregation at Astoria he has been preaching nearly every month, and he now recommends that Astoria, Gray's River and other points shall be constituted into a mission, and that a missionary be appointed to take charge of it, who shall reside at Astoria, where there is at present a population of 5,000 inhabitants.

56. *Portland*.—The Sunday School which had been kept up for several years past in East Portland has been suspended for the present for the want of proper encouragement. In its place a new School has been started in Albina, another part of the city, in an engine house, where divine services are held on three Sundays of each month. The Germans are more numerous in this part of the city. The services thus far are moderately encouraged. As assistant of Dr. Gantenbein, Prof. Schiedt preaches from time to time at various points in mission fields around Portland. He is the principal teacher in the International

Academy at Portland, an important institution for our church and missionary work in Oregon. Appropriation last year, \$200.—Pastor R. Schiedt. Commissioned April 1, 1883.

57. *Salem*.—Congregations three, Salem, Washongal, and Mehamah. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 35. Baptisms, 15. One addition. Erasures, 7. For congregational purposes, \$600. Value of property, \$4,000. Debt, \$750. Last year's indebtedness was diminished \$250 by church extension fund in the East. A ladies' society meets once a month, is doing a good work for the congregation. The pastor has taught part of his time in order to support himself and family. The prospects of the congregation are more encouraging than formerly. At Salem the brethren work together in peace and harmony with their pastor, with a more hopeful spirit in regard to the future. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year \$200.—Pastor J. Muellhaupt.

58. *West Union, Washington Co.*.—The pastor of this charge expresses his gratitude to God, that he was permitted to preach the word of life not only in his own field in Washington Co. but also in St. Peter's and St. John's congregations in Clackamas Co., which were vacant, waiting for their pastor from Germany. He also served the Ebenezer congregation, after Pastor Graedel left, and preached at Washongal U. T. and at Oak Point, W. T. as occasion required, where the Lord opened the hearts of some to receive the Gospel.—The parsonage, 24 by 18 feet, with 10 acres of ground connected with it, has been finished at a cost of \$400, and makes the missionary and his family a pleasant home, for which he feels thankful. He is also thankful for the box sent him by Salem's church at Harrisburgh, which ministered very much to his own wants and those of his family.

One congregation, Emanuel's. Members, 30. Last year 27. Baptisms in all, 11. Additions, 4. Other statistics not given. The people as yet poor, and do what they can to support the Gospel. The pastor labors hard and his support is meagre. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200.—Pastor A. Stauss.

59. *Stafford, Clackamas Co.* This mission was supplied by Pastor Graedel some time in January, when at the urgent request of his brethren in Oregon he withdrew and went to Seattle. It was then vacant, but supplied by other pastors until some time in the Spring, when pastor Lange returned from Germany with restored health and again took charge of it. It consists of three congregations, 43 members. Other statistics not given. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150.—Pastor Julius Lange.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

60. *Seattle*.—Reports for seven months. One congregation. Members 28. Communed 4. S. S. Scholars, 34. Baptisms, 7. Contributed for congregational purposes, \$457.40. Value of property, \$2500. Indebtedness, \$600. For \$400 of this, due for the lot on which the church stands, 12 per cent. interest must be paid. Reduction of indebtedness, \$100, forwarded by the Board from the Church Building Fund.

Seattle is a new town, and promises to be an important centre in a comparatively short period of time. But it is made up of all kinds of people. It contains 13 Christian Churches but it is seldom that any of them are filled. When an infidel preacher comes along he draws a crowd. Our own is the only German Church, and its attendance is the smallest, although the German population is considerable. Pastor Ewald, discouraged by failing health, after faithfully struggling against the current of worldliness, left the mission at the beginning of the year. Pastor Graedel, at the urgent solicitation of Dr. Gantenbein, took charge of it on the 1st of February, and against wind and tide has maintained his ground. His attendance is small, made up of a few females. Only a small portion of the members have as yet come to the Lord's Table. Want of confidence in the church is assigned as the cause; it is only an excuse to cover up their shame. But God mercifully visits these people from time to time with afflictions, and then they

inquire for a minister, and afterward attend church better, especially the women. Pastor G. Graedel is cultivating a hard field, which is very unpromising at present, but it will bear fruit bye and bye, and his faithful work will not be in vain in the Lord. He needs the prayers and sympathies of the Church. He will also need for the coming winter more than what he receives from the Mission or the Board. He is a married man and his wife stands by him bravely in his work. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, G. Graedel, Commissioned Feb. 1, 1884.

IOWA.

61. *Liscomb Mission, changed from Beamen.*—Two organized congregations. Members, 37. S. S. Scholars, 110. No additions by baptism or confirmation. Benevolence, \$93, or \$75 for Home Missions, \$10 for Foreign Missions, and \$9.43 for Orphan's Home. For congregational purposes, \$343. On an average each member thus contributes nearly \$12. Two Missionary Societies, of which each member contributes three cents per week. 80 copies of Scholar's Quarterly; 81 copies of other Sunday-school papers and 7 of the Missionary Herald are taken. Besides, a church paper is taken in each family of the Liscomb Mission. The attendance during the year has been good at all the preaching points. The Lord's Supper was administered every three months in each congregation. The prospects for the organization of a new congregation are good. If this is done the charge will be materially strengthened. Appropriation last year, \$290. Pastor, H. Baer, commissioned Oct. 1, 1881.

62. *Pleasant Valley*, no report.

SOUTH AMERICA.

63. *Valparaiso, Chili.*—When the Rev. A. Kreuter withdrew from the Mission at Seattle he concluded to visit the Southern America coast, and ascertain whether there was a field of usefulness for him there among his German fellow-countrymen. At Valparaiso he found a large German and Swiss population, without either church or evangelical pastor. He concluded to cast his lot among them and labor for their spiritual interests. He then very properly applied to the Board, in whose service he had been, to ascertain whether he could receive support from his own church in his work. Other parties in the Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso took him by the hand and proposed to give him assistance, if it were necessary. As the case was a peculiar one, the Superintendent laid the matter before the Church in the Messenger and Missionary Herald. There were some immediate responses, and among the rest a gift of \$200 from Elder John Knecht, which was supposed at the time to be sufficient to support the missionary for one year. Thus encouraged, Brother Kreuter commenced his work, visiting the people, catechising the youth, and succeeded at length in organizing a congregation with nineteen members. He has also made himself useful by his visits to the German Hospital, where he has administered comfort and consolation to the sick and dying.

There was in former years a so-called evangelical congregation that had a church and pastor in Valparaiso, but the pastor proved himself to be a hireling, and difficulties springing up the congregation was disbanded and the church building sold to the highest bidder. This has destroyed confidence, and makes the work of Pastor Kreuter so much the more difficult. Many of the Germans now stand aloof, but they may be won over to a better way of thinking. He, however holds services and Sunday school every Sunday in the old German church, and Bible und Gebetstunde in the English church during the week. At first Mr. Kreuter thought of earning part of his support by teaching, or performing secular work, but it is thought best that he should devote all his time to the work of the ministry, and so our Presbyterian brethren think. Accordingly he will need more than his present appropriation for his support, which we believe the generous friends of missions in the church will not withhold. He has accordingly been told to go forward with his work, trusting in the Lord.—It is proper here to add that the Rev. Dr. Trumbull, pastor of the English Presbyterian Church and other Protestant pastors and missionaries in Chili have shown Mr. Kreuter much kindness, and by their encouragement and advice have been useful to him in his work.—Chili is a prosperous country; its government is the most energetic and stable of all the other South American republics. It has established free toleration, and

all Christian denominations enjoy equal protection under the law. It will, therefore naturally attract colonists from abroad, especially from Switzerland and Germany. There are, therefore, wide and open doors for the establishment of Protestant missions in the sister republic in the South, of which several denominations in the United States are taking advantage—and with very flattering results. It is a work in which the Reformed Church, we hope, may see its way clear to take some humble part.

Several more German missionaries are needed. There is a great opening for one at Santiago, the capital, and others at places further south. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor Kreuter, commissioned April 1st, 1884.

URSINUS UNION.—From the Treasurer of the Ursinus Union, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., we learn that he has received \$978.49 for missions during the past year, which amount in part was used for the support of missionaries under the care of this Board, and the balance was paid into the treasuries of other missionary boards of the Church.

SUMMARY.

Number of Missions,	62
" Congregations,	109
" Missionaries,	55
" Members,	5,274
Sunday-School Scholars,	4,050
Baptisms,	505
Additions,	565
Amount collected for benevolence,	\$ 1,130
Amount collected for Local objects,	21,880
Estimated value of property,	174,200
Indebtedness,	31,748
Reduction of indebtedness,	2,729
Missions becoming self-supporting	3
New Missions	9

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the Treasurer's report we learn that the income of the Board to September 10th from all sources has been \$19,640, which will be increased before his report for the year is closed. This includes what has been contributed specifically to Missions in Kansas, and California, for the Washington Mission, and for the Church Extension fund. It thus appears that there is an increase in the contributions of the churches for the cause of missions during the past year over those of the preceding year.

For the coming year the Board will need \$20,000 in order to meet expenses in carrying forward its work, for which we recommend that the respective Synods, adopt the necessary measures to raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States,	\$11,000
The Synod of the Potomac, and	5,000
The Synod of Pittsburgh,	4,000

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we are again permitted to report another year of prosperity in the missionary work of the church. The blessing of God has rested on our missions and missionaries, and the interest of our pastors and their people in this good work has not abated, but rather increased during the past year. For this, as well as for the prosperity of the Church in other respects, we are bound to give thanks to Almighty God, to humble ourselves, and to ask for His blessing in the future. The Board feels that whilst the churches have done well, they are capable of doing still better in the future, and trust that it may be still more liberally sustained during the coming year, so that we may extend our operations, and supply a still larger number of souls with the bread of life. We are arriving at a point when we ought to expect great things of God, and seek to do great things for His cause.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 9, 1884.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of *Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Contributions for Home Missions, Church Extension Fund and Washington Mission Fund, were made as follows during the year, viz:

HOME MISSIONS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$276 63
" Tohickon	610 20
" Goshenhoppen	916 58
" East Pennsylvania.	1188 91
" Lebanon	1300 06
" Lancaster	704 76
" East Susquehanna	653 14
" West Susquehanna	750 01
" Lehigh	789 11
Total from the Synod of the United States	\$7189 40

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Juniata	\$852 73
" Carlisle	164 65
" Zion	274 65
" Maryland	1404 95
" Mercersburg	533 04
" Virginia	314 50
" San Francisco	10 00
" North Carolina	96 84
" Gettysburg	552 00
" Iowa	319 00
Total from the Synod of the Potomac	\$4522 36

Synod of Pittsburg.

Classis of Somerset	\$64 92
" Allegheny	5 00
" Westmoreland	49 38
From the Treasurer of Synod	2742 08
Total from the Synod of Pittsburg	\$2861 38

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Gruber Legacy (interest in part)	\$60 00
" Locke " (interest)	100 66
" Treasurer of Gen'l Synod, Interest on S. Brinker legacy	60 00
" Synod of the United States collection at Reading	21 39
" Synod of the Potomac collection at Newton	37 70
" Bequest of Anna and Susan Bixler	300 00
" Ursinus Union	50 00
" Nebraska, per Rev. E. Erb	13 91
" Kansas Missions	23 78
" German Evangelical Reformed St. Paul's Church, N. Y. .	17 50
" Several Children and R. E.	1 20
" Rev. C. H. Reiter, being Amt overpaid him	12 50
Bal. in the Treasury Sept. 24th, 1883	1707 87
Total from these sources	\$2406 51

Total from all sources	\$16979 65
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Disbursements.

Orders of the Board paid during the year by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod and the Treasurer of the Board	\$14304 21
Balance in the Treasury, Sep. 16, 1884	2675 44

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Church Extension Fund.

DR.

To Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 24, 1883,	\$213 59
To Am't collected by Rev. D. B. Shuey for Emporia, Kans., Mission	\$2589 75
" received for same object during the year	68 20
" Total received for Emporia, Kans., Mission	2657 95
" collected for California Missions, by Rev. D. E. Schoedler	693 25
" received per Treasurer for same object	100 55
" Total received for California Missions	793 80
" received per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treasurer of Lehigh Classis, being its share of Assessment made by Synod to pay the Gelbach Claim	65 00
" received per Chas. Santee, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, being interest and dividends received from investment of the "Sarah Brinker legacy"	412 04
" received from miscellaneous sources for Oregon, Kansas, and other Missions	85 79

Total from all sources	\$4258 17
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By Am't paid Rev. D. B. Shuey	\$2805 45
" " " D. E. Schoedler	782 00
" " " J. Muehlhaupt, to liquidate church debt of Salem, Oregon Reformed Church	250 00
" " " G. Gradel, Seattle, Washington Territory, to liquidate church debt	100 00
" " " A. R. Holzhauser, Lyons, Kans.	10 00
Balance in the Treasury Sept. 16, 1884	310 72

	\$4258 17
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Washington Mission Fund.

DR.

To Balance in Treasury Sept. 24, 1883	\$66 26
To Amount received during year from different sources	760 98

	\$827 24
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CR.

By Am't paid, One year's interest to Mrs. Dr. Miller	\$60 00
" " Note to Mechanics' Bank, Harrisburg	200 10
" " on acc't of Mrs. Miller's Note	204 86
" " on acc't of Mrs. Miller's Note	336 28
By Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 16, 1884	26 00

	\$827 24
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, Treasurer.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, Certify that we have examined his account and find the same correct, with a balance of Twenty-six Hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-four cents (\$2675.44) in the Home Mission Fund, Three Hundred and ten dollars and seventy-two cents (\$310.72) in the Church Extension Fund; and Twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) in the Washington Mission Fund.

Harrisburg, September 16, 1884.

W. H. H. SNYDER.

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Committee of Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to present the following report :

There were referred to your Committee the Reports of the President, the Superintendent and the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, item 3 of the Report on Overtures, item 11 of the Report on the Minutes of Synod, and items 3 and 4 of the Report on the Minutes of the General Synod.

From the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, it appears that the number of missions under the care of the Board is sixty-two, which are enjoying the services of fifty-five missionaries. The fruits of their labors appear in part in the report of 505 baptisms, and 565 additions to the membership—also, the contribution to objects of benevolence of \$1130.00, and for local interests of \$21,880.00.

These results cannot fail to awaken a feeling of gladness and gratitude to God, for His blessing upon this branch of our church work. We are bound to give thanks, that the awakened interest, which manifested itself in our Church a few years since in the cause of missions, yet survives, and gives promise of a healthy growth. The spirit of liberality manifested so widely in the Church has encouraged the Board to devise enlarged operations, and emboldened it to ask for larger responses from the people of God.

Your Committee regret to have to report seven missions as vacant. This, we are all aware, is caused by the sad deficiency in the number of our efficient ministers. Furthermore, it is also known, that this same evil acts damagingly upon the purpose of enlarged operations. It would seem, that the paucity of laborers threatens arrest of a vigorous onward movement in this interest, which has been so auspiciously begun, and to which the Church continues to give such encouraging responses, in the way of increasing contributions. This drawback, happily, has awakened a lively concern in the Church, and may we not hope, that in answer to labor and prayer, the Master will soon send more laborers into the ripening harvest.

The Treasurer's Report shows the gross receipts for the year to have been \$16,979.65, and the disbursements to have been \$14,304.21, leaving a balance of \$2675.44 in the Treasury.

The gross receipts of the Church Extension Fund are exhibited as having been \$4258.17; disbursements of \$3947.45, leaving balance in Treasury of \$310.72.

Washington Mission Chapel Fund shows receipts to have been \$827.24; disbursements \$801.24; balance in treasury \$26.00.

The Board estimates its wants for the coming year at \$20,000.00, and asks this Synod to raise \$5000.00 of this amount.

The Statement of Accounts of the Washington Mission Chapel Fund exhibits a delinquency on the part of three of the Classes of this Synod in the payment of the accounts apportioned to them for this interest, in the following amounts, Zion's Classis \$268.75, Carlisle Classis \$77.37, and Virginia Classis \$32.00. Making \$378.12.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the sum of \$5000.00, as its portion of the wants of the Board for the ensuing year, and that said amount be referred to the Committee on Finance to be apportioned to the several Classes.

Resolved, That the delinquencies in the Washington Mission Chapel Fund be referred to the Committee on Finance to be added respectively to the apportionments of the delinquent Classes, and that said Classes be solemnly reminded of their obligations in the premises.

Resolved, That this Synod in answer to the call of the General Synod, and at her own motion, most earnestly requests the several Classes to put forth increased efforts to replenish the Treasury of the Lord, in the service of this most precious and heaven-ordained work.

Your Committee is impressed with the fact, that the amount of appropriations,

which the Board has been making to its missionaries, falls short of affording them an adequate support, and hence militates against the permanence of their location.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board be requested to consider the advisability of a judicious increase of the allowances to its missionaries.

Your Committee have to report, that no documents touching the Foreign Mission work have come into our hands, save only the injunction coming down to us from the General Synod, in the form of a resolution.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Synod feeling encouraged by the bright prospects, which we learn from our periodicals, as attending the labors of our Foreign Missionaries, most heartily urges the Classes to take such measures as may be necessary to secure such an inflow of funds into the proper Treasury, as may be necessary to maintain this ministry in full and growing efficiency.

Touching the action of the Synod at Newton, commanding the cause of missions among the colored population to the Board of Home Missions, your committee have to report, that the Board of Home Missions has taken no action on the subject, so far as appears from the documents placed in our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman*.

WHEREAS. No report has come before this Synod from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod calls the attention of said Board to the action of the General Synod at Baltimore, last May, (see page 65 of Minutes,) directing it to send annual reports to all the District Synods.

As regards the several amounts apportioned to the Classes for Home Missions by the Synod at Newton, last year, it was ascertained from the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, that the Maryland, Juniata, and Mercersburg Classes alone had fully met their apportionments, contributing respectively more than the amounts apportioned to them by the Synod at Newton; whilst the other Classes raised less than their apportionments.

The usual Synodical Missionary Anniversary was held on Saturday evening, when addresses were delivered, as arranged for by the Committee on Religious Services. A collection was also lifted in connection with these services, the amount of which was not reported to the Synod.

The project of starting a mission and erecting a chapel at Roanoke, Va., as proposed by the Synod at Newton, N. C., having proven a sad failure, the following resolution was moved and adopted:-

Resolved. That the sum of one thousand dollars, being the amount appropriated last year for Roanoke Mission, and apportioned upon the several Classes of the Synod, be transferred to the Board of Home Missions, to be used one half for missions in North Carolina, and the other half for the San Francisco church.

At the election for members of the different Boards, Revs. E. R. Eschbach and E. N. Kremer were re-elected members of the Synodical Board of Missions, for the period of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach	4 years	October, 1888
Rev. E. N. Kremer	4 "	" 1888.
Rev. G. W. Welker	3 "	" 1887.
Rev. J. O. Miller	2 "	" 1886.
Elder J. T. Motter	2 "	" 1886.
Rev. J. M. Titzel	1 year	" 1885.
Rev. I. S. Weisz	1 "	" 1885.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented to the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:—

LOUIS MARKELL, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

Dr.

Oct. 17, 1883. To balance, cash on hand	\$452 09
Nov. 21, 1883. To cash of Carlisle Classis, on assessment at Altoona . . .	52 25
Feb. 1, 1884. To cash from same, balance of assessment	12 75
May 28, 1884. To cash of Gettysburg Classis, part of assessment at Altoona	110 00
June 19, 1884. To cash of North Carolina Classis, assessment at Newton . . .	30 00
June 20, 1884. To cash of Maryland Classis, assessment at Newton . . .	104 00
June 23, 1884. To cash of Mercersburg Classis, assessment at Newton . . .	37 00
July 9, 1884. To cash of same for Concord Mission church, (this amount given to Mercersburg Classis, by Rev. G. B. Russell and family as a Zwingle Memorial Gift.) . . .	45 00
Aug. 6, 1884. To cash of Maryland Classis for Concord Mission church.	129 00
Aug. 6, 1884. To cash of same for Mercersburg College	86 00
" 9, " To cash of Virginia Classis, assessment at Newton	30 00
" 9, " To cash of same for Mercersburg College	25 00
" 20, " To cash of Zion's Classis, assessment at Newton	46 00
" 20, " To cash of same, on other assessments	12 73
" 27, " To cash of Juniata Classis, assessment at Newton	63 00
" 27, " To cash of same for Mercersburg College	54 00
" 27, " To cash of same for Concord Mission church	75 00
Sept. 24, " To cash of Mercersburg Classis for Mercersburg College.	32 00
Oct. 3, 1884. To cash of Zion's Classis for Concord Mission church, in part	53 10
Oct. 6, 1884. To cash on other assessments	5 25
" 7, " To cash of Portland-Oregon Classis assessment at Newton.	5 00
Oct. 7, 1884. To cash from same for Mercersburg College	5 00
" 11, " To cash of Gettysburg Classis for Concord Mission church.	81 00
" 11, 1884. To cash from same, assessment at Newton	66 00
" 11, " To cash from same, for Mercersburg College	57 00
" 11, " To cash of Zion's Classis balance for Concord Mission church	4 90
" 11, 1884. To cash from same for Roanoke	33 70
" 11, " To cash from same other assessments	13 51
" 16, " To cash of North Carolina Classis for Concord Mission church	38 00
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Nov. 26, 1883.	By cash to Rev. J. O. Miller, expenses	\$3 80
Dec. 11, 1883.	Do to Stated Clerk, travelling expenses to Synod at Newton	25 30
Dec. 11, 1883.	Do same, expenses in mailing Minutes of Synod, &c., .	8 20
“ 11, “	Do Treasurer Board of Education, one year's interest on Stoudenour legacy	12 00
“ 21, 1883.	Do Reformed Church Publication Board for printing Minutes	152 00
“ 22, 1883.	Do Isaac H. Keefer, travelling expenses	12 50
April 9, 1884.	Do assessment of General Synod	440 00
May 5, “	Do Rev. A. H. Kremer, travelling expenses	3 68
“ 24, “	Do Rev. A. H. Kremer, travelling expenses	2 16
“ 29, “	Do Rev. G. E. Addams, I year's interest on Brechbill legacy	12 00
June 23, 1884.	Do Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk . . .	100 00
Sept. 9, 1884.	Rev. J. O. Miller, travelling expenses	4 18
Sept. 19, 1884.	Do Mercersburg College	300 00
Sept. 22, 1884.	Do Rev. E. R. Eschbach, travelling expenses	6 25
Oct. 4, 1884.	Do Treasurer of North Carolina Classis for Concord Mission church	300 00
Oct. 16, 1884.	Do Treasurer of North Carolina Classis for Concord Mission church	160 00
Oct. 17, 1884.	Balance in Treasury	216 21
		<hr/> \$1758 28

There are still unpaid of the apportionments made last year for the Concord Mission church, Carlisle Classis \$40.00, and Virginia Classis \$38.00. Making \$78.00.

The whole apportionment for Roanoke Mission remains unpaid, except \$33.70, paid by Zion's Classis.

Mercersburg College assessment: Carlisle Classis \$28.00, North Carolina Classis \$20.00, and Zion's Classis \$18.72. Making \$66.72

Contingent Fund assessment: Carlisle Classis \$32, and San Francisco Classis \$5.00 for 1882 and \$5.00 for 1883. Making \$42.00.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the session of Tuesday afternoon, presented its report to the Synod, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that the Treasurer's Report has been examined and found correct. There is a balance in his hands of \$216.21.

The following sums were referred to your committee for assessment and apportionment upon the several Classes: for contingent expenses of the General Synod, one half of the amount assessed, \$172.50, the other half to be assessed next year; for contingent expenses of this Synod \$350.00; for the pledge to Mercersburg College \$300.00; for the use of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., \$300.00; for Harbor Missions \$345.00; and for Home Missions \$5.000.00.

To meet these demands upon the Synod, the following assessments and apportionments have been made, namely:

Assessment for Contingent Fund of General Synod: Maryland Classis \$45.00, Gettysburg Classis \$25.00, Juniata Classis \$25.00, Zion's Classis \$18.00, Mercersburg Classis \$16.00, Carlisle Classis \$14.00, Virginia Classis \$14.00, North Carolina Classis \$14.00, San Francisco Classis \$2.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$2.00. Making \$175.00.

Assessment for Contingent Fund of Synod.

Maryland Classis \$90.00, Gettysburg Classis \$65.00, Juniata Classis \$65.00, Zion's Classis \$35.00, Mercersburg Classis \$35.00, Carlisle Classis \$30.00, Virginia Classis \$30.00, North Carolina Classis \$30.00, San Francisco Classis \$3.00, and Portland-Oregon, Classis \$3.00. Making \$386.00.

Assessment for Mercersburg College.

Maryland Classis \$80.00, Gettysburg Classis \$50.00, Juniata Classis \$50.00, Zion's Classis \$30.00, Mercersburg Classis \$30.00, Virginia Classis \$30.00, and Carlisle Classis \$30.00. Making \$300.00.

Apportionment for Theological Seminary.

Maryland Classis \$80.00, Gettysburg Classis \$50.00, Juniata Classis \$50.00, Zion's Classis \$30.00, Mercersburg Classis \$30.00, Virginia Classis \$30.00, Carlisle Classis \$25.00, and North Carolina Classis \$5.00. Making \$300.00

Apportionment for Harbor Missions.

Maryland Classis \$90.00, Gettysburg Classis \$60.00, Juniata Classis \$60.00, Zion's Classis \$35.00, Mercersburg Classis \$35.00, Carlisle Classis \$30.00, Virginia Classis \$30.00, and North Carolina Classis \$10.00. Making \$350.00.

Apportionment for Home Missions.

Maryland Classis \$1,335.00, Juniata Classis \$850.00, Gettysburg Classis \$795.00, Mercersburg Classis \$520.00, Zion's Classis \$500.00, Virginia Classis \$420.00, Carlisle Classis \$400.00, North Carolina Classis \$200.00, San Francisco Classis, \$40.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$40.00. Making \$5,100.00.

In addition to the foregoing, and in compliance with the instructions of your Reverend Body, the following unpaid amounts are re-assessed for the Washington Mission Chapel upon the Classes from which they are due, namely: Zion's Classis \$268.75, Carlisle Classis \$77.37, and Virginia Classis \$32.00. Making \$378.12.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HELLER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of Synod presented its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Board of the Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac would report to your Reverend Body, that the Board met and was duly organized by the election of Rev. J. T. Rossiter as President, and Elder J. Taylor Motter, as Vice-President and Secretary, in conformity with the Charter.

Rev. M. H. Sangree made a verbal report of progress in the matter of collection of old subscriptions for the relief of the Board of Publication, and at the request of the Board, he will continue his efforts on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. TAYLOR MOTTER, *Secretary.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Lewis H. Steiner, M. D. was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Dr. Lewis H. Steiner	5 years	January 1, 1890.
Rev. E. R. Eschbach	4 "	" 1889.
Rev. A. H. Kremer	3 "	" 1888.
Elder J. T. Motter	2 "	" 1887.
Rev. J. T. Rossiter	1 year	" 1886.

ARTICLE XVI.
APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVII.
COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVIII.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Thursday forenoon, which was adopted, and the programme for the Sunday-school Anniversary carried out. The report is as follows:

Dear Brethren:

The Sunday-school Board begs leave to present the following report to the Synod.

It is with sincere pleasure and devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we are able to report the Sunday-school work in a more flourishing condition, both pastors and people taking a greater interest therein. The Classical Sunday-school Conventions, held during the year, have not only been exceptionally good, but have awakened much interest and enthusiasm in this blessed cause.

The Board desires also to report the sum of fifty-nine dollars in the hands of the Treasurer. The same will be judiciously used when a sufficient amount is raised to advance the work.

We hereby submit the questions selected for discussion at the Sunday-school Anniversary, which we recommend to be held on Thursday evening of the present sessions of the Synod.

1. *The Sunday-school as an educator, and its value to the public welfare.* Speakers, Revs. J. M. Titzel and W. C. Cremer.

2. *How can the Sunday-school be made attractive without the loss of spiritual power?* Speakers, Revs. W. Goodrich and J. B. Shontz.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

At the election held for members of the different Boards of the Synod, Elder Goldsborough S. Griffith was re-elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder G. S. Griffith	5 years	October 1889.
Rev. F. F. Bahner	4 "	" 1888.
Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich	3 "	" 1887.
Rev. B. R. Carnahan	2 "	" 1886.
Rev. W. K. Zieber	1 year	" 1885.

ARTICLE XIX.
CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following resolutions were moved and adopted, thereby annulling the ratio adopted by the Synod at Waynesboro, in 1881, to wit:

Resolved, That whenever the Synod of the Potomac shall meet as a delegated body, the ratio of representation of the Classes constituting the Synod, shall be on the basis of one minister and one elder for every three ordained ministers enrolled at the time, and fractional part thereof.

Resolved, That the foregoing ratio of representation be sent down to the several Classes composing the Synod, for their concurrence or non-concurrence, and that they take action thereon at their next annual meetings.

On motion, the pastoral charges of the Synod were reminded of their duty to make provision for the travelling expenses of their pastors and delegated elders, whenever the Synod meets in general convention.

ARTICLE XX.
PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 23 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he attended to the duty assigned him, and had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed them agreeably to the rules and regulations in the case. The work was done by the Reformed Church Publication Board, at the cost of \$152.00, which was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, *W. M. M. DEATRICK, Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD.

To the Synods in the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac, The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit the following Report:—

The Board has met three times in regular session throughout the year. The Officers of the preceding year were continued, viz:—George Gelbach, *President* and Charles G. Fisher, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

From the Annual Statement submitted by the *Superintendent* at the last meeting, Sept. 2d, is to be gathered the following:—

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1884:

From Periodicals	\$22,500.92
" Book Store	16,467.22
" Rents	692.96
" Collections	895.99
" Miscellaneous Sources	7,160.53
 Total Receipts	 \$47,726.62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loans, etc., paid	\$ 6,300.00
Printing, Paper and Binding	22,948.64
Interest	2,883.30
Commissions	1,156.26
Merchandise	5,790.64
Salaries	5,885.56
Taxes and Insurance	601.78
Postage and Expressage	822.26
Miscellaneous	2,104.02
 Total Disbursements	 \$48,492.46

Excess of Disbursements \$765.84

LIABILITIES—1884.

Notes on which Interest is paid	\$27,011.90
Mortgage on Building	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,328.70
 Total 1884	 \$47,340.60
Liabilities 1883	49,509.01
 Decrease of Liabilities	 \$2,158.41

ASSETS—1884.

As estimated by Committee.

Book Accounts	\$ 3,275.00
Periodical "	12,281.00
Stock in Store	6,151.93
Books in Sheets	4,150.00
Paper on Hand	1,114.00
Stereotype Plates	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,925.00
Real Estate	35,000.00
 Total 1884	 \$68,896.93
" 1883	70,628.75
 Decrease of Assets	 \$1,731.82
Assets	\$68,896.93
Liabilities	47,340.60
 Excess of Assets	 \$21,556.33

The Committee appointed to examine Stock, etc., submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

Philadelphia, September 2nd, 1884.

To the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States: Your Committee appointed to take account of Stock and ascertain from personal examination the financial condition of the Board, would hereby offer the following as their report:—

We find the stock in the store in a good condition. The amount of unsaleable goods has been considerably reduced, and such of this class as is still on hand, we have estimated at very low rates. From any goods that have depreciated in value, we have thrown off a corresponding percentage.

We find a large amount due on book and periodical accounts, considerable part of which, we fear, can never be collected. This we threw out of the estimate altogether. The Board is thus sustaining heavy losses from year to year, which ought not to be. We recommend that the Superintendent be enjoined to refuse further credit to such as owe on book accounts for over one year, and on periodical accounts for over two years; and that hereafter our business be conducted as nearly as possible upon a cash basis. We further recommend that all accounts of over two years' standing be collected by law (in such cases as it can be done), if, after due notice, no satisfactory response is made within thirty days of such notice.

We are glad to report that the receipts in the book department have increased during the last year about \$2,250. There has also been some improvement in the total receipts from periodicals, especially from our Sunday School publications.

We cannot ignore the fact, however, that the income of the establishment does not meet expenses. There is a deficiency of over \$500—if we deduct from receipts the amount of collections contributed by the churches for the use of the Board. Of course the deficiency is owing mainly to the large amount of interest (nearly \$3000) that is paid on mortgage and loans.

We regret that a suitable agent has not been secured to raise funds from the Church at large to reduce our indebtedness incurred by the burning of our Publication House at Chambersburg. It is vain to hope that the business of the Board can ever be made to pay so large a debt. The patronage of the Church is not sufficient to do it and meet necessary current expenses. Earnest efforts should still be made to procure an agent to solicit donations to pay off our debt, and, in the meantime, we must still urge collections in the churches to meet the interest. Our Superintendent should also continue to exercise the greatest possible care to keep expenses as low as is consistent with the conduct of a successful business.

On the whole we regard the present financial condition of the Board as satisfactory as can be reasonably expected.

The Superintendent's report will show a reduction in assets, but also a still greater reduction in liabilities. In his report will be found a detailed ac-

count of the operations of the Board for the year ending July 31st, 1884. It will be seen that, even after the large reductions, (over \$18,000) made by your Committee on the value of stock and accounts, the net assets are nearly \$500 in excess of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE.

Hy. WIRT.

It is to be gathered from the same statement and report of Committee, that, as a whole the periodicals issued by the Board have increased in number of subscribers. The lessening of the price and number of issues during the year, of some of them, has been the means of increasing their circulation, as well as the income from them.

The Board, in order to awaken an interest in the Mission cause, Home and Foreign, in the Sunday Schools, began last January the publication of a paper under the title, "The Sunday School Missionary," which, whilst it has not met with the favor it was expected to do, has made some progress in the way of a circulation. The following action was taken by the Board at its last meeting:—

Resolved, That the attention of the Synods be called to the fact that the Board publishes a Sunday School Missionary paper which as yet has a limited circulation, and which we believe to be an excellent educator of the young, and a means of cultivating in them a missionary spirit.

The Book Department has been, we are glad to say, more generally patronized during the year; the amount of sales, and the receipts for the same, as stated in report of Committee, being over \$2,000 more than last year. We only need the full and general patronage of the Church to make the revenue from this branch of the Board's operations much greater.

The number of books, tracts and services of different kinds printed for this Department during the year was 79,250, including 17,500 almanacs, an increase of the latter over last year, of 2,500.

The Board is glad to be able to announce that the music for the "Hymns of the Reformed Church" is nearly ready for publication; in fact, the book under the title of "Tunes for Worship," will be ready for circulation by the middle of October. The book has been under the general editorship of Dr. L. H. Steiner, and the music selected and edited by Prof. H. Schwing, organist of Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md. It is felt by the editors and the Board as Publishers that the book will meet a want generally felt in church music, and as to contents will bear just and impartial criticism, as well as prove instructive and elevating to those using it. It will be issued in two styles of binding, at the retail price, of 50 cts. and 75 cts. respectively.

For some time the Board has been endeavoring to place the mortgage on its property at a lower rate of interest. After considerable difficulty, by reducing the amount to be put on mortgage through a temporary loan of \$5,000 on note of members of the Board thrown in bank, and also providing for the security to mortgagee of the annual payment of irredeemable ground rent, the remainder, \$15,000, was placed at 5 per cent. per annum. This mortgage, however, it is proper to state, is but temporary in its character, its permanency depending on the response of the Synods to the following action of the Board:—

WHEREAS, The charter of the Board of Publication requires that all mortgages given by it must have the approval of a majority of the Synods represented in the Board, and

WHEREAS, We desire to change the mortgage on real estate with a view to obtain a lower rate of interest, therefore, we hereby overture the Synods in the United States, of the Potomac and of Pittsburgh, to pass the following:—

Resolved, That the Publication Board of the Reformed Church of the United States, be, and is hereby authorized, by this Synod to give a mortgage for fifteen thousand dollars in lieu of the one heretofore existing for twenty thousand on its property, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The expenses of making this change in the mortgage were considerable, and go mainly with others, not usual heretofore, to make up the extra expenses named in the Report of the Committee. This, however, will be offset by the reduction of interest in the future. In this connection, it is proper to state that these expenses have been met without incurring any further debt, there being a surplus of receipts from previous years from which to draw. It is needless to say that the Board is careful to keep down the expenses as much as possible, and only

incurs such as are necessary to carry on its business, increasing as it is, from year to year.

The attention of the Synods is respectfully called to the following resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board:—*Resolved*, That the Synods in the United States, Potomae, and Pittsburgh, at their approaching annual meeting be, and are hereby earnestly overtnred to see that the Churches increase their collections for the use of the Board; that pastors and consistories through their respective classes, do all in their power to secure larger subscription lists to “The Messenger” and other periodicals of the Board, and that each pastor be directed to report in his statistics the number of our Church and Sunday School papers taken in his charge, and the same be reported in the tables of the District Synods.

Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., who was elected as Synodical editor of “*The Messenger*,” by the Synod in the United States, having declined to accept the position, the Board, at its meeting held in December, 1883, elected Rev. C. S. Gerhard, of Reading, to fill the vacancy thus occurring, until the meeting of the Synod. Rev. A. R. Kremer, Synodical editor of the Synod of Potomac, having resigned that position in consequence of his removal from the bounds of the Synod, and the Board accepting the resignation, Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., of Hagerstown, Md., was elected to fill the vacaney, until the next meeting of the Synod. It will therefore devolve upon these Synods to fill by election these respective vacaneies.

The term of Elder Geo. W. Hensel, Trustee from the Synod in the United States, will expire at the end of the present year. The Synod named will therefore fill the vacaney that will thus occur in the Board.

GEO. GELBACH, *President.*
CHAS. FISHER, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15, 1884.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted its report, during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, amended, and adopted as follows:

Two papers have been placed in our hands, the one the Report of the Board of Publication, the other an overture from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, recently in session at Pottstown, Pa., touching the publication interests of the Synods. From the first we learn, that the Publication Establishment has been prudently managed, and is in a healthy financial condition. It is in fact, in a better financial condition, with all its debts, than it has been for many years. It is true, it has been carrying a heavy indebtedness, which grew out of the purchase of property as directed by the Synods, and the failure of certain periodicals in paying for themselves. Notwithstanding all this, its assets at this time are over \$21,000 more than its liabilities. And yet, if the different Synods are unwilling to do anything to redeem the pledges made years ago, in the way of contributions, it will require some years before it will be able to pay its indebtedness, and yield any financial profit to the Synods.

The question which confronts this and all the Synods at this time, whieh are interested in this work, is—Are we willing to aid it by further contributions, to make it a speedy sucess, or shall we get rid of the publication interest altogether, by putting it for a consideration into private hands, under certain limitations for our good will? Your committee incline to the belief that the former would be the better method of disposing of this subject.

This brings us to the second paper placed in our hands, which seems to incline to the latter method, as the proper solution of this question; by referring this matter to the Board itself, asking them to determine whether the placing of the publication interest into the hands of private individuals is not the only way rightly to dispose of the subject.

Your committee have carefully considered this question, and whilst we are not willing, by any act or suggestion even, to reflect on the past management

of our publication interest, or to affirm that the plan, which the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States has in view, is the right and only solution of this question; we do think that this question, and all that pertains to it, should be submitted, *first* to the Board of Publication, as the official, legal body, for their consideration; and so far we should be willing to second the action of said Synod. We suggest, therefore, the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod unite in the recommendation of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States to the Board of Publication, having full confidence in the judgment of the Board in the premises.

Resolved, That the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States be and is hereby authorized by this Synod to give a mortgage for fifteen thousand dollars, in lieu of the one heretofore existing for twenty thousand dollars, on its property, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.,

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

Elder G. S. Griffith,	3 years	1887.
“ Henry Wirt,	2 “	1886.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and to distribute the Minutes among those entitled to receive them.

ELECTION OF SYNODICAL EDITOR.

At the election for members of the different Boards of the Synod, Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., was elected the Synodical Editor of *The Messenger.*

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday afternoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received, amended, and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations printed for the use of the Synod, and the election was made the order of the day for the opening of Monday morning's session. At the time designated, the election took place. Revs. A. G. Dole, D. U. Wolff, A. F. Dreisbach, and J. A. Wickert were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. This result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-school, and Publication.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under items 1 and 2, reported a Statement of the workings and finances of Bethany Orphans' Home, and the annual report of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home. These items were referred for consideration to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. W. Santee, G. H. Martin, M. L. Firor, and Elders L. Markell, and M. A. Berry. This committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

The committee, to which were referred the papers relating to the Orphans Homes at Womelsdorf and at Butler, begs leave to report:

The reports from the Home at Womelsdorf and that at Butler show, that these institutions are doing good work. Since the opening of Bethany Orphans' Home, three hundred and sixty orphans have been cared for. During the past year, fifty-nine were in the Home, and two teachers instructed the children in the branches taught in our common schools. The moral and religious training form a daily part of the work, and as a result one hundred and forty-two of the orphans have been confirmed, twenty-two still remaining in the Home, whilst one hundred and twenty have been dismissed to congregations in the Church. This system of instruction is pursued also in the Home at Butler, and both are doing a noble work, and justly appeal to the Church for liberal support. Both houses have room for the accommodation of a larger number of children than are now present; but for want of means to support them, applications which were made, had to be reluctantly declined. An indebtedness of \$1,900.00 rests on the Home at Womelsdorf, and about \$6,000.00 on that at Butler; of this latter amount about two-thirds is pressing, and for which provision must be made. These Homes should be well provided for by the Church, that the noble work of caring for the orphans be not hindered.

Your Committee would therefore recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the institutions at Womelsdorf, and at Butler, be commended to the prayerful consideration of the pastors and consistories of the congregations under the care of this Synod, and that, from the offerings of the membership a proper proportion be given towards the support of these Homes; and furthermore, that the attention of the different Classes be directed to this action.

J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Overtures, under Item 4, reported a communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod, conveying the suggestion of said Synod of its desire to discontinue the Tri-Synodic arrangement of our missionary operations. The item was referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. C. Geary, M. H. Sangree, D. N. Dittmar and Elders H. Wirt, and G. S. Griffith. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee, to which was referred the communication of the Pittsburgh Synod, would respectfully report as follows:

Said communication contained a resolution passed by that body at its late Annual Meeting, as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Synod that, at the end of the Synodical year, the present arrangement should be discontinued, and the Home Missionary operations should be carried on, under the General Synod's Board."

Your Committee would recommend for adoption the following resolution bearing on this subject:

Resolved, That this Synod cannot, at this time, concur with the Pittsburgh Synod, in the opinion expressed by said Synod in its action, as communicated to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. GEARY, *Chairman.*

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

In accordance with the request of the Synod at Newton last year, the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows laid before the Synod the following statement, which was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of the Synod, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—The undersigned would respectfully lay

before your Reverend Body the following statement, and call your attention thereby to the nature and claims of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States."

This Institution of our Church was organized in the latter part of the last century. It was chartered by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania about twenty years later, in 1810. This charter was supplemented by an Enabling Act of the Pennsylvania Legislature, in 1865.

*The design and aim of the Society are to assist ministers' widows and their families, and also disabled ministers themselves, who are members of the Society, and whose pecuniary resources are insufficient to afford them a comfortable living. As originally organized and chartered, the Society could give aid only to the widows of its deceased members. This limitation, however, was removed in 1865, when the charter was revised and supplemented. Agreeably to the charter as amended, the Society can and does now grant help to three classes of members of the Reformed Church, to wit: 1. To the widows and children of deceased members of the Society, who are in straitened circumstances. 2. To the widow and family of any deceased minister of the Reformed Church, whether he was ever a member of the Society or not, if needing assistance. 3. To disabled ministers themselves, who are members of the Society, and require pecuniary aid.

At the present time, the Society is extending help to persons belonging to all three of these classes, or divisions of annuitants. Two aged and disabled ministers are now on our list of persons helped, together with some twenty widows of ministers, some of whom are the needy widows of ministers, who filled prominent pastorates and positions in our beloved Zion, in their day, but died poor. Their names would be proof of this, were it deemed proper to mention them, in this statement.

The society consists of two classes of members, namely, annual contributing members, and life members. By the payment of an initiation fee of five dollars, and thereafter annually of three dollars, a minister of our Church becomes a contributing member. A minister is made a life member by the payment of sixty-five dollars. This amount may be paid at one time, or in several installments, as may best suit the individual's convenience. The widows of life members have no priority over those of the other class, as far as receiving aid from the Society is concerned.

The sources of income are: 1. The interest accruing from the invested funds. 2. Moneys paid into the Treasury in the way of fees. 3. Gifts from individuals, and collections taken up in their congregations by pastors; and 4. Legacies. The main reliance of the Society has been the invested funds, and the collections in the churches, from year to year.

The amount of the Society's assets, at present, aggregates nearly twenty thousand dollars, of which \$2,061.65 are in cash in the Treasury, and the balance is invested on first mortgage. After paying the annuities voted at the Annual Meeting, held October 15th, 1884, and to be paid to the different annuitants, on or about next Christmas, amounting to nearly eleven hundred dollars, the Society ordered that the balance be safely invested.

Every year, the number of widows of ministers needing pecuniary assistance is increasing, and every year there are some of our ministerial brethren becoming superannuated or disabled, who must receive aid from the Church, in some way, or suffer from want. Our Society aims at relieving all these cases of distress, as far as possible, but, in order to accomplish this purpose, our income, in the way of collections in the churches, must be largely augmented, from year to year. If all our pastors and congregations will co-operate with us, in this noble and charitable work, we shall be able to meet the necessities of all.

Your Reverend Body is, therefore, respectfully requested to consider the claims of the Society, and to urge the several Classes composing the Synod to order a collection to be lifted in their congregations, for the benefit of the

Society, as you have so cheerfully done for years past, on or about the third Sunday in June of next year.

Rendered by order of the Society, in whose behalf we remain,

Yours fraternally in Christ,

W.M. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary.*

The following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the request of the Society be granted, and that the Classes constituting the Synod be directed to request their congregations to lift such collection on or about the third Sunday in June next, or contribute to the funds of the Society in some other proper manner.

Revs. J. D. Miller, C. Cort and C. Clever were appointed, during the session of Thursday morning, to report the proceedings of the Synod or the public press. Just before final adjournment this committee offered the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The committee appointed by your body to furnish the proceedings of the Synod for the public press, would respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them. Reports have been furnished to the Daily Tribune of Altoona, the Daily Examiner of Lancaster, and the Hanover papers.

Respectfully submitted, J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman.*

Instead of collecting the usual assessment for incidental expenses from the members of the Synod, the Treasurer of the Synod was instructed to pay over to the pastor loci twenty-five dollars for that purpose.

Item 4, of the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. N. Callender, C. Cort, and Elder J. T. Motter. Subsequently this Committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your committee, to whom was referred the inquiry from Zion's Classis, as to which Zion's Classis, the old or the new, is the one that is reported delinquent, begs leave to report that, after careful examination of the records, as explained by members of the Classis interested, your committee find the delinquency to be on the part of Zion's Classis now existing.

Respectfully submitted, S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were moved, and then referred for careful consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. Cort, S. N. Callender, and J. M. Titzel, to report to the next annual meeting of the Synod, viz:

Resolved, That the alarming increase of the number of divorces, granted by the Civil Courts on unscriptural grounds, is an evil that strikes at the very foundations of society.

Resolved, That this Synod calls the solemn attention of our people to the requirements of God's word, which recognizes adultery alone as a valid ground of divorce.

Resolved, That our pastors be directed to govern themselves accordingly, in performing marriage ceremonies, and our consistories in exercising discipline.

Owing to sickness and other causes the following members of Synod obtained leave of absence from day to day, to wit:

Friday forenoon, Elder P. Moore; *Friday evening*, Elder A. Kieffer; *Saturday forenoon*, Elders J. S. Deatrick, J. H. Bowers, and M. A. Berry; *Monday forenoon*, Revs. J. R. Lewis, J. M. Mickly, and Elder E. B. Leiby; *Monday afternoon*, Revs. H. W. Hoffmeier, J. W. Santee, F. S. Lindaman, and Elders D. E. Kefauver, S. Kell, J. Gelbach, and B. I. Huyett; *Monday evening*, Elders

S. Schwartz, I. Laucks, W. H. Bargelt, and Rev. W. C. Cremer; *Tuesday forenoon*, Revs. G. W. Aughinbaugh, A. F. Dreisbach, and Elders D. Dunn and J. W. Snyder; *Tuesday afternoon*, Revs. I. M. Motter, W. H. Herbert, J. G. Noss, E. R. Eschbach, L. F. Zinkhan, W. E. Krebs, and Elder J. B. Zimmerman.

ARTICLE XXII.
MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Thursday forenoon, which was received and adopted by a vote in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose:

The Committee on Ministerial Necrology beg leave to submit the following report:

First of all, it should be a matter of devout thankfulness to our kind Heavenly Father, that during the past Synodical year only one of the ministers within the bounds of the Potomac Synod was called from the scene of his earthly labors by death. This one was gathered home like a shock of corn, that cometh in its season, full of labors and honors.

The Rev. Mortimer L. Shuford, the Vice-President of the Synod, died on his way home from Newton, N.C., at Washington, D.C., on the 7th day of last November. The Synod assembling in the Sunny South, so contiguous to the scenes of his early youth, furnished him an opportunity of revisiting friends and renewing early associations. He preached repeatedly during the sessions of the Synod and immediately succeeding its close, in churches where his friends and the acquaintances of his early youth are wont to worship. After this, without any rest, he started for home, where his coming was so anxiously expected. Soon after starting he was taken unwell, and when he arrived at Washington, he was so seriously ill, that he could proceed no further on his homeward journey. Here, after a short and extremely painful illness, the servant heard the Master say, "Come up higher."

Mortimer L. Shuford was born in Rutherford County, N.C., January 24th, 1818, and was consequently, at the time of his death, aged sixty-five years, nine months, and fourteen days.

He commenced his studies for the ministry in 1838 entering the Preparatory Department of Marshall College, at Mercersburg, Pa. He graduated from that Institution after having enjoyed the advantages of a full college course, in the autumn of 1843. Having attended the Theological Seminary, during the latter years of his collegiate course, he graduated from the Seminary in 1844, and was licensed and ordained the same year by the Virginia Classis. His first field of labor was the Lovettsville charge, Va., where he remained five years. In November, 1849, he accepted a call to the Glade charge in Frederick County, Md. For eight years he broke the bread of life to this people. In 1857, he became the Pastor of the Mount Moriah charge, in Washington County, Md., where for six years he labored through many tribulations, caused by the Civil War, and personal bereavements. In 1863, he became Pastor of the Boonsboro charge in the same county. Four years later he received and accepted a call to the Winchester charge in Virginia, where he labored until the spring of 1873. In April of the last-named year, he became the Pastor of the Burkittsville charge, which he served up to the time of his death. He thus labored faithfully and successfully in the Christian ministry for a period of nearly forty years.

His mortal remains were buried in the cemetery at Burkittsville, Md., the funeral being largely attended. Appropriate memorial services were held in the church at Burkittsville, on December 13th 1883. Rev. J. W. Santee preached a funeral sermon replete with consolation and comfort to the husbandless and fatherless family, and to the shepherdless congregation, and Rev. G. L. Staley read a biographical sketch of the deceased.

Thus a good man has fallen in Israel. But the lessons of humility, patience, and faithfulness, so generously exemplified in his life, shall not be forgotten. The words so faithfully spoken in season and out of season shall accomplish that whereunto they have been sent. Having turned many to righteousness, he shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following Resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this Synod are hereby extended to the pastors and members of the Reformed Churches and other citizens of Hanover for the hearty and generous entertainment of the members of the Synod; and that we implore the fullest and richest blessings of the Lord upon them in all the relations of life, and bid them a hearty God-speed in their church work.

Resolved, That the pastors loci be requested to read the foregoing resolution to their respective flocks, at their next Lord's Day service.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and Western Maryland Railroad Company for the favor of reduced rates of fare, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to communicate this action to the proper persons connected with said Railroad Companies.

The Synodical Roll was then called, and the following members of Synod failed to answer to the call of their names, and were accordingly noted as absent without being excused, to wit: Rev. G. B. Resser, and Elder W. H. Haugh, of the Maryland Classis; Rev. J. A. Wickert of the Mercersburg Classis; Revs. D. U. Wolff, F. A. Guth, H. H. Sangree, and Elders J. Stock, S. P. Young, D. Stambaugh, and R. N. Thoman of the Gettysburg Classis; Revs. G. E. Adams, M. H. Groh, and Elders H. Shambangh, and A. Wentzel of the Carlisle Classis; and Rev. I. N. Peightel, and Elder J. Heffner of the Juniata Classis.

The minutes were then read finally and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted, during the Session of Tuesday afternoon, namely :

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Annual Sessions in the First or Zion's Reformed Church of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 20th, A. D. 1885, at 7 o'clock. The Synod by resolution had previously ordered the next annual meeting to be in General Convention.

The Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, October 21st, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the Vice President.

W. C. CREMER, *President.*

W. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

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W. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.
CLASS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms				Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.						
		Confgs.	Members.	Inf'ts	Unconfir'd								
Daniel Riegel, Jacob Ziegler, Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Reinhart Smith, D. D., Aaron Wanner, D. D., Aaron Spangler, Reuben Rahauer, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., Fred. J. Sauerber, Ambrose D. Gring, A. F. Dreisbach, Vacant,	Dillsburg, Superannuated, 1st. Ref. Church, York. Trinity, Kreutz Creek, Zion's Reformed, Mt. Pleasant, Paradise, Heidelberg, Foreign Missionary Shrewsbury, Trinity Mission, Hoover's Rossstown, Ziegler's,	2	276	10	3	22	191	13	3	2	\$46 00	\$ 300 00	Dillsburg, York County, Pa.
do do do													
Total, 11.		32	3799	2458	354	33 264	77 2881	46	11115	382567	2	\$1484 0111,274 00	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.													
		Members.	Condg's.	Baptisms	Infant	Adults	Confirmed	Community	Cooperative	Debtors.	S.S. Schools.	The Min'ry.	Bene'nt	Cong'nal	Contributions.
William M. Deatrich, [#]	Without charge,														
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,	145	65	7	4	20	1	135	8	6	2	90	\$32 73	\$460 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler,	Supply London charge	122	75	8	2	16	7	90	2	4	1	216	256 14	1250 67	Upper Strasburg, Louden, Waynesboro,
Isaac M. Motter,	St. Paul's Waynesboro,	330	136	17	5	20	12	235	4	1	216	1	230 00	7330 00	Chambersburg, do
William C. Cremer,	Chambersburg,	482	215	18	5	26	18	398	6	2	305	240 14	1976 00	Waynesboro, do	
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	193	68	2	2	4	3	159	6	2	140	144 42	790 00	Chambersburg, do	
William H. Herbert,	Grindstonehill,	312	217	9	5	17	8	280	9	22	2	267	769 47	1400 25	Greencastle, do
Cyrus Cort,	Greencastle,	224	88	22	11	22	20	213	4	5	1	235	373 67	2036 97	Shippensburg, Cumberland
G. W. Auginbaugh, D. D.	Without charge,														
Jonas B. Shantz,	Shippenburg,	203	175	6	3	10	3	142	3	3	93	55 55	500 00	Zullinger, Franklin	
George B. Russell, D. D.,	Without charge,	300	145	6	9	19	10	235	2	6	2	149	165 45	1032 56	St. Thomas, do
Jairus A. Wiekert,	St. Thomas,	135	73	2	1	3	5	190	5	3	1	40	29 00	113 00	Merkersburg, McConnellsburg, Fulton
J. Wm. Knappanberger,	Merkersburg,	66	40	3	1	1	1	45	2	2	1	125	50 59	150 55	Merkersburg, Franklin
Simon Wolf,	McConnellsburg,	60	30	2	1	1	1	45	1	1	60	20 00	160 00	Mont Alto, Chambersburg, do	
John M. North,	Licentiate,	66	40	3	1	8	1	45	1	2	1	15	10 06	100 00	St. John's, Chamb., do
“	Mont Alto,	34	25	1	1	2	1	20	1	2	1	15			“
“	“														
		2606	1344	103	48	161	91	2097	41	13	62	1845	13	2377 22	\$17,300 00

Total, 15.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.										POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Conf'drs.	Confr'dd.	Baptisms	Inf'ts.	Adults	Conf'frate	Cent's.	Communit'y	Deat'hs.	S. Schools	S. Sch'ps.	Students for Min'r'y	Ben'ev.	Purp.	Co'ng.	
John C. Hensell,	Superannuated,	1	124	94	4	2	1	70	4	1	65	\$94 00	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.				
Henry St. Jno. Binkley,	Lovettsville,	2	222	112	6	4	7	195	1	3	1	233 00	Lovettsville, Loudon do				
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	Mt. Crawford,												Rockingham do				
Joseph S. Loose,	Without charge,												Bridgewater, Rockingham do				
Andrew J. Bowers,	do												Weyer's Cave, Augusta do				
Henry Tallheim,	Edenburg,	4	207	116	8	1	8	180	4	9	1	69 00	Edenburg, Shenandoah				
John A. Hoffheins,	Martinsburg,	1	256	91	11	1	10	2	216	4	4	228 00	Martinsburg, W. Va.				
F. E. Vandersloot,	Superannuated,												Co., Va.				
Barton R. Carnahan,	Rockingham,	3	232	56	9	7	8	10	207	11	3	352 00	Herdon, Fairfax				
Samuel L. Whitmore,	Middlebrook, ¹	2	83	55	8	1	5	2	70	1	2	45 00	Meyerhoeffer's Store, Rook'm				
Elias Welty, M.D.,	Harrisville, ¹	2	134	91	9	1	1	7	80	3	1	34 00	Middlebrook, Augusta				
Christian W. Summey,	Timberville,	2	131	87	10	2	14	7	115	2	1	25 00	Timberville, Rockingham				
George A. Whitmore,	Mill Creek,												do				
Benjamin F. Bausman,	Shepherdstown,	2	137	80	4	2	6	4	109	1	1	96 00	Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah				
Cyrus J. Musser,	Without charge,												W. Va.				
Lawrence M. Hensell,	Winchester,	3	116	85	6	2	4	9	87	2	1	1	1222 00	Winchester, Va.			
Vacant,	St. John,	1	127	100	5	2	2	93	2	4	2	20 00	Middlebrook, Augusta				
"	Woodstock,	2	390	200	20	14	17	340		8	2	236 00	Woodstock, Shenandoah				
		27	2159	1167	100	34	84 4/4	1752	14	154 16	945	1 \$1452 00	\$10,081 00				

¹ Included in statistics of Woodstock charge.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Recently taken charge.

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.									
		Contributions.					Purp. ^{s.}				
Baptisms.		Infants.		Adults.		By Certif. of Prof.		By Certif. of Prof.		Purp. ^{s.}	
Albert G. Dole,	Huntingdon,	2	361	150	9	1	6	20	338	11	7 2
Elias D. Shoemaker,	(Disabled),	1	131	105	16	9	6	108	5	4 1	230
Ellis N. Kremer,	Bedford,									do	do
Frederick A. Rupley,	Without charge,									do	do
William L. Stewart,	Everett,	3	161	98	12	7	30	13	134	12	3 174
Henry F. Long,	Woodcock Valley,	4	428	265	33	7	34	16	424	2	8 4
J. David Miller,	Martinsburg,	2	340	190	17	7	26	5	238	12	6 200
Cyrus H. Reiter,	Without charge,									do	do
Isaac N. Peightel,	Yellow Creek,	3	281	187	13	8	17	23	255	19	4 3
John M. Titel, D.D.,	Altoona,	1	403	280	21	1	18	21	289	19	5 8 1
Calvin S. Slagle,	Dunning's Creek,	3	280	183	12	4	4	321	4	4 3	210
William M. Andrews,	Greenfield,	4	473	304	38	4	21	382	7	47 12	402
Eusebius H. Dicffenbacher,	Sulphur Spring,	3	209	206	22	3	12	11	178	4	4 4
David G. Klein,	Clear Ridge,	3	76	67	5		7	61	2	2	85
Andrew T. G. Apple,	Friend's Gove,	2	266	213	5			219	2	2	3 160
William A. Long,	Hickory Bottom,	2	217	93	7	9	23	191	1	4 3	260
Edgar S. Hassler,	St. Clairsville,	3	332	265	15	2	18	7	267	1	8 2
Vacant,	Waterstreet,	3	318	268	31	2	27	8	300	13	1 9 2
"	Schellsburg,	3	237	170	15	2	8	4	174	3	10 1
"	Orbisonia,	3	104	90	8	3	3	6	94	2	4 2
										29 00	
											47 4617 3334
											279
											57 196 39 3134
											4 \$2637 39 \$31,718 60

Total, 17.

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

CLASS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

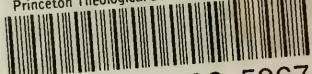
CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unenobliged.	Inhabitants.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certiificate.	Commmuned.	Deatbts.	Names of Deatbts.	Excommunicated.	Names of Excommunicated.	Deatbts.	Names of Deatbts.	Sobool.	Sobolars.	Studies for the Ministry.	Purposes.	Contributions.		
Zion's, -	-	-	11	32	3,799	2,458	354	33	264	77	2,981	46	11	115	38	2,567	2	\$1,484	01	\$11,274	00	
Maryland, -	-	-	31	54	6,506	4,362	498	41	304	105	5,523	112	28	180	46	4,677	6	18,154	38	38,078	18	
Mercersburg, -	-	-	15	23	2,606	1,344	103	48	161	91	2,097	41	13	62	20	1,845	1	2,377	22	17,360	00	
Virginia, -	-	-	16	27	2,159	1,167	100	34	84	43	1,762	14	1	54	16	945	1	1,452	00	10,051	00	
North Carolina, -	-	-	14	34	2,247	1,305	104	23	122	34	1,805	27	1	31	35	19	996	1	469	90	3,534	56
Gettysburg -	-	-	15	29	4,383	3,160	241	5	115	225	3,910	151	11	61	27	2,113	3	2,083	00	15,915	00	
Carlisle -	-	-	9	23	2,223	1,314	117	26	87	55	1,909	29	26	24	1,551	2	1,261	00	10,543	00		
Jennista, -	-	-	17	47	4,617	3,334	279	57	256	151	3,973	97	57	96	39	3,134	4	2,637	39	31,718	60	
San Francisco, -	-	-	5	14	174	245	75	1	28	51	129	2	1	3	134	1	30	00	1,921	00		
Portland-Oregon, -	-	-	7	14	370	378	75	1	34	176	1	9	7	6	229	2	20	00	3,189	60		
Total, 10 Classes, -	-	-	140	287	29,084	19,067	1,946	268	1,422	366	24,265	518	1	161	660	238	18,191	23	\$29,968	90	\$143,554	94
Synod of the United States, 9 Classes, -	450	506	71,871	43,031	5,595	4,01	4,108	1,368	59,083	700	6	318	2,305	532	45,713	47	45,705	00	232,916	00		
Synod of Ohio, 10 Classes, -	283	145	18,901	6,802	771	339	991	627	15,963	419	12	276	311	211	17,181	20	10,783	13	86,140	91		
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes, -	130	57	12,674	8,665	839	48	667	464	10,723	272	167	245	100	7,907	13	11,076	49	54,383	60			
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes, -	151	113	13,672	10,577	1,228	19	857	979	10,743	141	13	260	292	134	8,069	35	12,617	00	60,865	00		
Central Synod, 5 Classes, -	41	45	10,831	6,755	1,929	22	772	719	8,368	42	1	154	441	42	7,503	6	6,978	00	59,335	00		
4 Classes, -	74	119	5,916	10,896	1,219	38	929	532	12,509	223	26	210	391	163	9,440	20	10,156	00	66,530	00		
Grand Total, 7 Dist Synods; 52 Classes, -	780	1,461	172,949	106,093	13,527	1,135	9,746	5,555	141,654	2,315	59	1,546	4,645	1,360	114,004	164	\$127,234	52	\$747,725	45		

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